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THE MONTH

December bore out the pattern of the months immediately preceding it in being warmer than normal. On the 4th a high temperature of 70° was recorded, highest for any December day in the history of the weather bureau. The month as a whole showed a mean of 34°, which was 4° above average. The coldest day was the 21st, the day of our Christmas Census. Precipitation was only 1.36 in., lowest since 1900, and comparing with normal of 3.36 in. High winds" 57 m.p.h. on the 5th, 56 m.p.h. on the 6th. The absence of northern gulls was understandable during such mild weather, but it is difficult to explain why song Sparrows, Robins, Meadowlarks, Flickers, Mourning Doves, Prairie Horned Larks, Great Blue Herons, Marsh Hawks, and Juncos (to name a few at random) were so conspicuously lacking, when other mild winters have found them present in fair numbers. Comparison of our Christmas Census with earlier ones discloses a striking contrast in the land bird populations.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Horned Grebe	Dec. 18	(L)	1	Fort Erie, Ont. (Thorpe)
Pied-billed Grebe	" 3	(L)	1	Lake Erie at Alhambra (Bourne)
Great-blue Heron	" 28	(L)	1	Lyndonville (W.A. & W.G. Smith)
Green Heron	Nov. 6	(L)	1	" " "
Black-cr. Night Heron	Dec. 4	(L)	1	Pt. Abino, Ont. (Doyle)
Whistling Swan	Nov. 30	(L)	4	Lake Leroy (Pixley)
Mute Swan	" 16		5	Buffalo to Dunkirk (Brockner et al)
Snow Goose	Dec. 4		5	Millersport (Sonerside)
Gadwall	" 14		1	Goat Island (Mitchell and Almendinger)
White-winged Scoter	" 19		6	Wilson (Doyle)
Surf Scoter	" 18		1	Fort Erie, Ont. (Thorpe)
Ruddy Duck	Nov. 20	(L)	6	Lake LaGrange (Pixley) (Part of Leroy's water supply)
Hooded Merganser	Dec. 26	(L)	1	Grand Island (Tom Weaver)
Rough-legged Hawk	" 1		1	E. of Youngstown (Doyle)
	" 4		2	Millersport, N. Y. (Somerside)
	" 14		1	Wilson (Mitchell, Almendinger)
Black-bellied Plover	" 10	(L)	1	Canadian Lake Shore (Doyle)
Wilson's Snipe	" 26	(L)	2	Ft. of Sheridan Drive (Doyle, Murphy)
Lesser Yellow-legs	Oct. 27	(L)	1	Akron Lake (Pixley)
Red-backed Sandpiper	Dec. 2	(L)	3	Crystal Beach, Ont. (Doyle)
Mourning Dove	" 26	(L)	?	Eden (Bill Jameson)
Barn Owl	" 23		1	Captured at 38 Seminole Pkwy, Buffalo (Doyle)

Snowy Owl	Dec.	1	1	East of Youngstown (Doyle)
	"	2	1	Ft. Erie, Ontario (Doyle)
	"	2	1	Lockport (Bourne)
	"	3	1	Delaware Park (Maxwell Wheeler et al)
	"	4	1	Pt. Abino, Ontario (Doyle)
	"	20	1	Hyde Park (Rogerson)
	"	23	1	City Hospital (Doyle)
	"	26	1	Eden (Bill Jameson)
Short-eared Owl	"	1	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
	"	14	1	N. Tonawanda (Mitchell & Almendinger)
Kingfisher	"	1	1	Goat Island (Doyle)
Flicker	"	7	1	Derby (Mrs. H. Larkin)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	31	1	Letchworth Park (Weaver)
Winter Wren	"	24	1	Crescent Beach, Ont. (Doyle)
Robin	"	2	1	Lyndonville (W.A. & W.G. Smith)
	"	17	1	Ft. of Sheridan Drive (Doyle)
	"	20	1	Hyde Park (Rogerson)
Northern Shrike	"	7	1	Lakeside Orleans County (Somerside)
Bronze Grackle	"	19	1	Buffalo (E. Ulrich)
Cardinal	"	14	2	Crystal Beach (Doyle Murphy)
	"	14	1	Youngstown (Mitchell, Almendinger)
	"	20	2	Tonawanda Reservation (Somerside)
Common Redpoll	"	4		"lots of Redpolls" Lyndonville (W.A. & W.G.Smith)
	"	19-	50	Tonawanda Reservation (Somerside)
Pine Siskin	"	19-	30	Wilson (Doyle)
Red-eyed Towhee	"	6 & 7		(L) 1 Derby (Mrs. Harry Larkin)
Vesper Sparrow	"	7		(L) 1 Grand Island (Klepfer et al)
Snow Bunting				Many records from various places by many mbm observers. Largest flock - 200 Concord (Bill Jameson

No new species for month. Total for year 254 species.

CHRISTMAS CENSUS DECEMBER 21, 1941

Buffalo, N. Y. (Centering on Grand Island, including Buffalo and Niagara Falls). Fair; ground bare and dry, small lakes frozen, wind light, temp. 12° to 23°; Leader: Ray M. Verrill; 13 parties as follows:

A Buffalo Harbor and Canadian shore of Niagara River; Goat Island. (Savage, Bourne)
B American shore of Niagara River (Mitchell, Almendinger, Wendling, Doyle, Potter)
C Willoughby Marsh, Ont. (Lee Herndon, John Herndon, Anderle, Murphy)
D Forest Lawn, Delaware Park, Lincoln Park, Sheridan Park, Whitehaven and Acacia Cemeteries, etc. (Brockner, K. & E, Praemassing)
E Grand Island, Buckhorn Island Park (E. & A. Ulrich)
F Grand Island, NE corner (Mitchell & party, substituting)
G Grand Island, Long Road to Whitehaven Rd., Base Line Rd. to West River (M. Kelly, L. Mansfield, Hickman)
H Grand Island, Love Rd. to Whitehaven Rd., Base Line Rd. to West River (Verrill, Ulrich, Beardslee, substituting)
I Grand Island, Love Rd. to Whitehave Rd., Base Line Rd. to East River (Thorpe, Wiesnet, Pause)
J Grand Island, Whitehaven Rd. to Ransom Rd., Base Line Rd. to East River (Mr. & Mrs. Seeber, Grotke)
K Grand Island, Love Road to Bush Rd., Base Line Rd. to West River (Madison, Stanley, Kogel, Baker)
M Grand Island, Love Rd. to Bush Rd., Base Line Rd. to East River (Beardslee)
N Grand Island, Beaver Island Park (W. & M. Klepfer, Dr. & Mrs. Schulz, Facklam)

Common Loon 3 (B E G), Mallard 79 (A B), Red-legged and Common Black Duck 1080, Baldpate 4 (B), Pintail 32 (B), Green-winged Teal 7 (A), Canvasback 533 (506 M), Greater and Lesser Scaup 1176, Golden-eye 2556, Bufflehead 63 (A), Old-Squaw 15 (B E G), White-winged Scoter 1 (A), Amer. Merganser 205, Red-br. Merganser 111, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2 (G, J), Cooper's Hawk 1 (F), Red-tailed Hawk 5, Rough-legged Hawk 5, Bald Eagle 1 (J), Sparrow Hawk 13, Ruffed Grouse 3 (C), Pheasant 221, Wilson's Snipe 2 (B), Great Black-backed Gull 14, Herring Gull 3098, Ring-billed Gull 115, Bonaparte's Gull 2608, Mourning Dove 1 (F), Great Horned Owl 4 (E I M N), Snowy Owl (B), Long-eared Owl 2 (D I), Short-eared Owl 1 (B), Flicker 1 (D), Hairy Woodpecker 13, Downy Woodpecker 37, Blue Jay 24, Crow 170, Chickadee 263, White-br. Nuthatch 33, Brown Creeper 7, Golden-cr. Kinglet 20, Starling 1505, English Sparrow 816, Red-winged 1 (B), Cardinal 7 (E I J), Junco 5 (D G), Tree Sparrow 152, Song Sparrow (B), Snow Bunting 1 (F).

Total 51 species 13414 individuals.

Comments on the census:

1 Herndon's party reported a dead Screech Owl.
2 E. and A. Ulrich observed a Bronzed Grackle on LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, and Rogerson found a Robin in Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, both on the 20th.
3 Our count of duck population varies from year to year, and is undoubtedly affected greatly by weather conditions, but study of past censuses over a period of several years impresses one with the fact that very little progress has been made to date in conserving our waterfowl, insofar as it is observable here.
4 The Wilson's Snipe, found in the marsh at the foot of Sheridan Drive, has never before been reported on a Christmas Census.
5 The mild weather induced large numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls to remain here, but as usual had little effect upon the Ring-bills, of which few were reported besides a small flock on Motor Island.
6 Bearing out previous remarks in these columns concerning the apparent "wave" of Chickadees this winter, 263 were reported on the census, breaking all previous records.
7 The absence or scarcity of Sparrows, Larks, Buntings, and Finches was pronounced. It was probably the poorest census, as respects those species, which we have ever had.
8 Several areas were very hastily and incompletely covered, owing to the unforeseen inability of several leaders to join the census. Last minute changes were necessary, and observers were in some cases given added territory to cover.
9 The census as a whole, however, was successful. It is doubtful if more than two or three more species would have been added through more complete coverage of the orphan territories, since the waterfowl areas were all carefully studied, and all parties were agreed that ground birds were exceptionally scarce. The total of 51 species was one of the lowest we have had, and compares rather unfavorably with our record of 62, but the absence of certain species is as significant as the presence of others, and calls for an equally careful analysis of possible reasons which might satisfactorily explain such phenomena.

GOLDEN DAY

Many members will be interested in a report of a trip that we had at Hawk Mountain. October 16 was the unforgetable day. The day before it rained so much that we considered it of no value to go up to the Lookout. Previously, Maurice Broun, the ornithologist stationed there, had emphasized that a very good flight of hawks came on the day following a good rain.

The night before, therefore, we made preparations to be up early and take no chances on missing a big flight. Accordingly, we found ourselves at the Lookout early. Maurice Broun was already there. The early morning was cloudy with a stiff breeze coming consistently out of the north.

Sharp-shinned hawks were already flashing by. Some of them would come in so close that it seemd that they would strike us.

An interesting special feature was the sight of eight loons cleaving out of the north in a straight line. They were so high that it was almost impossible to pick them out with the naked eye. Overhead, the individualsbirds looked like perfect crosses, .

After that we settled down to business. Soon a huge Golden Eagle came gliding by, an immature bird, the first I had ever seen in my life. To me the profoundly impressive observations of Golder Eagles during the rest of the day is something that I will never forget as long as I live. I reflected as each one passed, that the ornithological world owes a great deal to Hawk Mountain and expecially to Rosalie Edge, who founded the Sanctuary. At the Lookout, these monarchs came in so close, that it seems impossible to miss killing one by just firing the gun at the bird without aiming. Undoubtedly the great majority of the Golden Eagles of eastern North America pass close to this point.

Our final tally for the day on raptores was as follows: Turkey Vulture 10, Sharp-shinned Hawk 252, Cooper's Hawk 12, Red-tailed Hawk 100, Red-shouldered Hawk 24, Golden Eagle 5, Marsh Hawk 2 Osprey 2, Duck Hawk 2, Sparrow Hawk 1, unidentified 5, A grand total of 415 individuals and 10 species. Maurice Broun, who beat us to the Lookout in the morning, had over 500 individuals logged.

Breaking into this marvellous flight at times was an impressive migration of crows. During the day we counted 2,302 individuals!

The Red-tailed Hawk migration was amazing. During the morning the harp-shinned Hawks predominated. From 1 PM on, the Red-tailed Hawks slowly took over. During the last 20 minutes at the Lookout, over thirty individuals came by in a straight line. There always were 2 to 5 birds soaring in on the currents. It was a wonderful sight to see these buteos drift by, their beautiful plumage accentuated by the reddish rays of the setting sun.

Winston William Brockner

NOTES

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for November stresses the Snowy Owl flight which temporarily "banked" on the Maine Coast, but later spread out over all the New England States. Dr. Alfred O. Gross at Bowdoin College noted more Snowy Owls than in the great 1926-27 invasion.

Among the unusual records were Pacific Loon, Black Vulture (1 in Maine and 1 in Conn.), Black Gyrfalcon at Nauset, Mass., Black-headed Gull at Jerusalem, R. I., Chimney Swift Nov. 21, 7 records of Arkansas Kingbirds, a Crested Flycatcher Nov. 21-22 in Mass., Acadian Chickadees as far south as R.I. & Conn. 1 Bohemian Waxwing, nine species of Warblers in November, including Prairie Warbler Nov. 11 and Redstart Nov. 21.

Red-throated Loons and Baldpates appeared in greater numbers than usual, while Redheads, Canvasbacks and Ring-necked Ducks were below normal in numbers. There was an unusually early flight of Alcidae, hardly expected in view of the mild fall weather.

H. D. Mitchell

Reports from Mr. W. L. G. Edson of Rochester for December include: Redwing, Rusty Blackbird and Swamp Sparrow. In the following week: Pied billed Grebe. For the week ending Dec. 19: Red-throated Loon & Snowy Owl. For the following week, which includes the Christmas Census on Dec. 21, the most unusual record was a flock of 5 Snow Geese flying south over Mendon Ponds Park. Other records included Horned Grebe, Shoveller, Ring-necked Duck, W. W. Scoter, Hungarian Partridge, Glaucous Gull, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Cardinal, Pine Grosbeak, Redpoll, Pine Siskin and Goldfinch.

H. D. Mitchell

From February 2nd till April 18th, Mr. Alexander Sprunt and Mr. Richard Pough of the National Audubon Society will conduct two two-day Tours every week to the Okeechobee-Kissimmee Region in Florida. For a nominal sum, birders can join in one of these Tours to the most delightful and interesting bird areas of America. For information wright to the National Audubon Society, 1006 Fifth Ave., New York City.

E.C.U.

FUTURE EVENTS

Through the courtesy of the Extension Study Club of the Buffalo Home Bureau, we are invited to a Lecture and Movies on "Some of the Birds of Northeastern United States" by Dr. Paul Kellog of Cornell University, on Friday, January 16th at School #76, Elmwood Ave., and W. Tupper Street at 8:00 P.M.

MEETINGS:

Jan. 14, Wed.	8 PM	Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science Report of Christmas Census, Ray Verrill.
Jan. 28, Wed.	8 PM	Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science Ward Klepfer - Topic to be announced.
Feb. 11, Wed.	8 PM	Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science Bird Ecology of Western New York and adjacent areas - Ed Ulrich.

FIELD TRIPS:

Jan. 25, Sun.	Niagara River, Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Leader: Harold D. Mitchell, UN-8532 Meet at Delaware and Hertel at 8:00 A.M.
Feb. 8, Sun.	Visit to Mr. Hazelton at Leroy, N. Y. Leader: Mrs. RUlrich, PA-8896 Meet at Main City Line at 8:00 A.M.

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THE MONTH

The first day of January was mild, and although a light rain fell, observers were able to be in the field without too great discomfort, and an excellent start for our 1942 list was made, as will be seen below. Thereafter the temperature started to drop and the snow which followed fell on every one of the next eleven days. During this entire period the temperature was far below normal (ranging between -5° and plus 18° for six and one-half days between the 4th and the 11th) and was accompanied by continuously strong winds (65 mph on the 2nd, and 60 mph on the 6th). Such conditions were not propitious for any but the hardiest birds. The latter half of the month was relatively very mild, windless, and free from precipitation. The Mallard population at Niagara Falls was greater than in many years, and a few unusual ducks were reported here and there, but up and down the river the gull and duck groups followed the pattern of a severe winter. Among the small land birds, Chickadees continued to be unusually abundant, and Prairie Horned Larks were noticeably scarce, even at the end of the month.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

January 1, 1942. 34 Species reported to start the new year as follows"

Common Loon (Niagara River, Savage) Mallard, Common & Red-legged Black Duck, Baldpate (Goat Island, Savage), Pintail, (Goat Island, Savage), Redhead, Canvasback, Greater & Lesser Scaup, Goldeneye, Oldsquaw, Hooded Merganser (Buffalo Harbor; Savage), American Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Pheasant, Purple Sandpiper (2 at Goat Island, Bert Wright), Gt. Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte Gull, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Crow, Tufted Titmouse (. Grand Island, Bert Wright), Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Northern Shrike (1 Grand Island, Bert Wright), Starling, English Sparrow, Tree Sparrow.

Baldpate	Jan. 4	3	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell, Savage, et al)
Pintail	" 4	1	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell, Savage, et al)
Ring-necked Duck	" 4 (F)	2	Grand Island	(Mitchell, Savage, et al)
	" 28	1	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
Ruffle-head	" 3 (F)	1	Canadian Shore	(Savage)
Hooded Merganser	" (all month)	1 Pair	- Goat Island	(Many Members)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 16 (F)	1	Buffalo at Bailey & S.Park Ave.	(Bourne)
	" 17	1	Hampton Brook	(Bourne)
Cooper's Hawk	" 4 (F)	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell, Savage et al)
Red-tailed Hawk	"		All month on Grand Island	(Many Members)
	" 14	1	Goat Island	(Beardslee)
Rough-legged Hawk	" 25 (F)	1	Grand Island	(Klepfers)
Bald Eagle	" 24 (F)	1	Sunken Island	(Mrs. F. G. Smith, Robert Anderle)
Ruffed Grouse	" 11 (F)	1	O. Orchard	(Ecklers)
Purple Sandpiper	" 4	1	Goat Island	(Mitchell, Savage et al)

Glaucous Gull	Jan. 28	(F)	1	Dunkirk (Bourne)
Bonaparte's Gull	" 5	(L)	200	Bird Island (Beardslee)
Screech Owl	" 24	(F)	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
	" 31		1	Thorn Thicket (Mrs. F. G. Smith, R. Anderle)
Great-horned Owl	" 4	(F)	1	Grand Island (Savage)
	" 11		1	O O (Ecklers)
	" 25		3	Grand Island (Mitchell et al)
Snowy Owl	" 3	(F)	1	Kenmore & Starin Ave. (Harlan Klepfer)
	" 19-27		1	Woodlawn (Creighton & Bourne)
Barred Owl	" 11	(F)	1	O O (Ecklers)
Long-eared Owl	" 25	(F)	1	Youngstown Cemetary (Mitchell et al)
			2	Wilson " "
			1	N. Tonawanda " "
Short-eared Owl	" 9	(F)	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
	" 21		1	Wilson (Doyle)
Belted Kingfisher	" 3	(F)	1	Niagara River below Ft. Erie (Savage)
	" 25		1	Goat Island (Mitchell et al)
	" 28		1	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
Flicker				Seen daily until Jan. 7 1 Derby (H. H. Larkin)
	" 6		1	Batavia (Pixley)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 24	(F)	1	Toad Hollow (Albert Trainer rep. Thorpe)
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 4	(F)	3	Wilson (Weaver)
Prairie-horned Lark	" 4	(F)	23	Grand Island (Mitchell, Savage et al)
	" 13			Blasdell (Bourne)
	" 25			Grand Island (Mitchell, Savage et al)
Blue Jay	" 18	(F)	1	Grand Island (Ecklers)
	" 27		3	Grand Island (Doyle)
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 27	(F)	2	Thorn Thicket (Doyle)
Winter Wren	" 17	(F)	1	Hampton Brook (Bourne)
Redwing	" 31	(F)	1	LaSalle (Himegardner rep. Herndon)
	to Feb. 7			
Cardinal	" 6	(F)	1	Pair Batavia (Pixley)
	" 23		1	Snyder (Mrs. Stisser rep. Mrs. Madison)
	" 25		2	Grand Island (Mitchell et al)
	Late January	and		Early Feb. 1 Pr. Cardinals, Snyder (Cunningham rep. Herndon)
Evening Grosbeak	Jan. 5	(F)	1	Male, Lyndonville (W. A. & W. G. Smith)
Goldfinch	" 21	(F)	1	Wilson (Doyle)
Red-eyed Towhee				Seen daily until Jan. 10 1 at Derby (H.H.Larkin)
Slate-colored Junco	" 18	(F)	1	Grand Island (Ecklers)
	" 25-8			Wilson (Mitchell et al)
Lapland Longspur	" 4	(F)	4	Grand Island (Mitchell, Savage et al)
Snow Bunting	" 4	(F)	160	Grand Island (Mitchell, Savage et al)
	" 4			Large flock south of Medina (W.A. & W.G.Smith)
	" 25		13	Grand Island (Mitchell et al)
	" 28			Dunkirk (Bourne)
	" 31		500	Gainesville (Mrs. E. V. Smith)

Total species observed in January - 64

American Scoter Dec. 19, 1941 2 Dunkirk (Bourne)

This record brings the total for 1941 to 255 species - the largest number of species yet seen by the Buffalo Ornithological Society.

GRAND ISLAND HERONRY

Grand Island is divided by roads into rectangular plots. These areas are for the greater part hay fields, farm lands and old orchards, but nearly everyone has a wood lot containing mostly pin oaks and some maples and elm trees.

One of these sections in the northern part of the island has several wood lots of varying size which conform with the others in tree life, except that the largest contains many mature elm trees.

With the building of the bridges, came a real estate subdivision on this property which is just south of Burntship Creek State Park. Adjoining this development is a small woodlot about one hundred and fifty by three hundred feet, and separated from the large woods mentioned above by several hundred feet of grassland. For years both Black-crowned and Great Blue Herons had nested in the tall elms of the latter.

Several years ago, some Black-crowned Night Herons detached themselves from the old heronry and chose the small woodlot for the new nesting site.

This woods having no point of immediate connection with any others was practically an island in the fields and meadows. Bushes of choke cherry and other undergrowth bordered the edges. These in turn were replaced by smaller trees, while in the interior the leafy tops of trees rose upward to a height of fifty to sixty feet. The trunks of these trees, oaks mostly, were devoid of live branches except at the extreme tops, although all trees contained many dead stubs and branches lower down.

The whole interior gave the appearance of a cavern. The growth of the grass, underbrush and tree tops enveloped the whole in a mantel, practically excluding the outside, except for patches of infiltering sunlight. Inside this covering no green vegetation grew. The thick leaf mould reached to the outer edges under the brush. Spring waterscovered the ground but by early summer all of the surface water either ran off or evaporated, leaving only the dank leaves.

Nesting started in April, and soon the overflow became so great that the birds used every available place in the tree tops. Several biology students counted five hundred and seventy four nests. Young birds and eggs were observed in the latter part of May. All eggs did not hatch simultaneously for each nest contained two to four eggs or young, or both. From the number of nests it can be estimated that more than a thousand adults frequented the heronry. The newly hatched young constantly augmented the numbers of the already crowded heronry.

Herons, like vultures, have the pleasant(?) habit of regurgitation as a means of expressing disapproval. This offal and their excremen whitewashed the trees and covered the ground, the whole place from the inside took on the appearance of a spectral vault.

Decayed fish and dead young on the ground or caught in the branches of the trees gave off noxious, pungent oders, especially after warm rains and on sultry days.

As the adults returned from the feeding grounds, the raucous cries of anticipation or hope from the young and the answering croaks of the adults added to the etherial aspect of the experience.

In the crowding at the nests, some of which were less than twelve inches across, occasional birds lost their perches and fell from the nests. Those that fell to the ground lay stunned for a moment and then arose gnome-like and trotted off into the brush at the edges, no doubt to die, for the feeding, as we observed, was done at the nest.

Some, either more skillful or fortunate than the others of their kin would manage to retard their fall in a convenient cratch or branch. Bills, feet, legs, wings, necks, vestigial claw, all served as a means of attachment. Some, even, so relaxed their bodies that they draped themselves around any obstruction during their fall. Here they would hang, momentarily, some to clamber to safety using any or all of their faculties, grotesque and almost uncanny in their agility; and others would meet death by further entanglement in a natural gibbet or by a fall to the ground below.

Such a feeling of wierdness and unnaturalness prevaded that had a spectre appeared, it would have seemed but natural.

From late June on, the adults and partly grown young chose a fallen tree and brush piles outside the wood lot for a roosting site.

In their range far for food, the birds travel miles. During spring & early summer residents told that they fed in the shallows of the Niagara River and on a submerged sand bar just off the shore of Buckhorn Island Park. The many swampy spots and the immediately adjacent creek and marsh of the park area also supplied food. In the middle of summer, the adults brought shiners to the young which were still in the nest

It is interesting to mention that after the breeding season these nests were removed. Twigs, and stems of weeds from the field such as chickory, wild carrot and goldenrod were so securely woven and cemented into the nests that many had to be removed twig by twig and a fall of fifty feet to the ground would leave some nests enough intact so that they could be broken apart only by force.

The birds did not return, as later visits to this woodlot disclosed. Grass has now replaced the leaf mould; all underbrush and dead branches have been removed and an area that once contained thousands/ now has only a few of the passerene birds. (Nycticorax, Nycticorax, hoctli.)

For versatility and adaptability the black crowned has few rivals for he has nests from 50° north latitude to 25° south latitude in the Americas and has close relatives in the old world and as one of our members can attest he also makes a very interesting pet.

E.C.U.

FUTURE EVENTS

MEETINGS:

Feb. 25 Wed. 8 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Bird Ecology of Western New York and adjacent areas - Ed Ulrich

March 11 Wed. 8 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Bird Pictures - H. Eckler

FIELD TRIPS:

March 1, Sun. Grand Island, meet at Hertel and Delaware at 8:00 A.M.
Leader: Miss Heather G. Thorpe, RI-9371.

March 15, Sun. Niagara Loop, meet at Peace Bridge at 8:00 A.M.
Leader: Dr. Lee Herndon, AM-0115.

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THE MONTH

February weather was consistently bad. There were only tw days without precipitation, snow falling on 24 days and heavy rain on two. While there was only one heavy fall of snow (10" on the 7th), enough fell during the remainder of the month so that the ground was completely covered with a heavy blanket from the 10th until the month's end. Temperature was severe also, the mean being 20.9 degrees against normal of 24.3 degrees. The absence of high winds kept the snow at a rather even depth, so that bare ground was difficult to find anywhere, and pheasants and other ground feeding birds were hard put to find food. Hunting of field mice was almost impossible, and Rough-legged Hawks were scarcer than in many winters. The continued absence of any numbers of the northern Gulls was also conspicuous, Blac-backs being the only ones which could be located consistently. Song Sparrows have been almost entirely absent the past winter, a feature which is difficult to explain in view of the mildness of the early months of the winter. It is interesting to note that they have been exceptionally scarce in New England as well.

C.S.B.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Canada Goose	Feb. 6	(F)	10	Flying over Union Rd. & Wehrle Dr. (Mr. Eno rep. Thorpe)
Goshawk	" 1	(F)	1	Niagara River, Buffalo (Murphy)
	" 13		1	Depew (Bourne)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 21		1	Grand Island (Savage, Mitchell)
Cooper's Hawk	Jan. 12		1	Bradford Jnt. (Comserside)
	Feb. 2		1	LeRoy (Beardslee)
	" 16		1	LeRoy (Klepfers)
	" 28		1	Grand Island (Doyle)
Red-tailed Hawk				Regular on Grand Is. during February
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 13	(F)	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
	" 18		1	Shelby Basin (Somerside)
	" 30		1	Millersport (Somerside)
	Feb. 4		1	Alexander (Bourne)
	" 4		1	LeRoy (Bourne)
	" 23		1	Grand Island (Doyle, Murphy)
Bald Eagle	" 15		1	Navy Island (Mitchell)
	" 23		1	Navy Island (Doyle, Murphy)
Duck Hawk	" 14	(F)	1	Buffalo (J. Filor, rep. Thorpe)
Screech Owl	Jan. 1	(F)	1	Crescent & Robie Ave., Buffalo (Hedley, Filor rep. Thorpe)
	Feb. 21			
Snowy Owl	" 14 & 15		1	Niagara River Buffalo (Murphy)
	" 20		1	Woodlawn (Bourne Savage)
Barred Owl	" 15 & 22		1	O O (Ecklers)
Short-eared Owl	" 15		3	Elmlawn Cem. (Thorpe, Almendinger)
	" 23		1	" " (Thorpe et al)
				All during Feb. at Derby (H. H. Larkin)
Flicker	" 15		1	LeRoy (Ulrich et al)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	" 15		2	LeRoy (Ulrich et al)

	Feb.			
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 23	(F)	2	Grand Island (Thorpe)
Prairie-horned Lark				First reports of fairly large flocks
	" 6		60	Grand Island (Eames)
	" 15		200	(3 flocks) LeRoy (Ulrich et al)
	" 15		50	Grand Is. (Thorpe, Almendinger)
	" 21		90	Grand Is. (Savage, Mitchell)
Brown Creeper	Jan. 10	(F)	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
	Feb. 15 & 22		1	0 0 (Eckler)
Robin	" 9	(F)	1	Williamsville (Harvey Haussauer rep. Amherst Bee 2-12-42)
Northern Shrike	" 15		1	0 0 (Eckler)
Cardinal				All Feb. 1 Male feeding station, Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
				All Feb. 6 male " " Lewiston (Liddell rep. Rogerso
	" 15 & 23		1	Grand Island (Thorpe et al)
Common Redpoll	" 15	(F)	32	LeRoy (Ulrich et al)
	" 15		7	Grand Island (Thorpe, Almendinger)
Song Sparrow	" 15	(F) & 22	1	0.0. (Eckler)
	" 22 & 23		1	Feeding sta. Buffalo (Thorpe)
Lapland Longspur	" 21		1	Grand Island (Savage, Mitchell)
Snow Bunting	" 8		100	Sheridan Drive, Clarence (Ecklers)
	" 11		1000	Yates (Somerside
	" 15		30	Grand Island (Thorpe, Almendinger)
	" 15		240	LeRoy (Ulrich et al)
	" 15			00 (Eckler)
	" 21		10	Grand Island (Savage, Mitchell)
	" 23			Grand Island (Thorpe et al)

1 New species for January (Brown Creeper)
6 New species for February (Canada Goose, Goshawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, No. Horned Lark, C. Redpoll, Song Sparrow)
71 Species - Total for the year 1942.

THE EGG COLLECTION OF H. A. FRANKENSTEIN

The writer has recently examined a card file of the oological collection of the late Mr. H. A. Frankenstein of Buffalo, who operated wholly within our territory between 1900 and 1916. Some eggs, received from distant collectors, are included in the list, but 265 sets of 70 species were collected from Western New York or adjacent Ontario. Full data for each set are provided, and it is thus possible to add considerable information to our growing knowledge of the nesting birds of the area.

Glenwood is mentioned more than any other single district, but is closely followed by Upton, Windom and the Canadian shore of the Niagara River. Akron was visited for nests of the Rails, Gallinules, and Least Bitterns, although Bowmansville and Oak Orchard were also favorite hunting grounds for swamp birds, a King Rail nest containing twelve eggs being reported May 30, 1909 from Oak Orchard. Strawberry Island was visited for nests of Bittern, Short-eared Owl, and Marsh Hawk. Spotted Sandpiper eggs were collected at Gardenville, Glenwood, and Cazenovia Creek (12 sets from the latter). It is interesting to note that in 1906, Mr. Frankenstein found about 150 nests in the Great Blue Heronry at Oak Orchard, and that Ruffed Grouse nested on Grand Island at least as late as 1908.

As is true of many of the oologists of the period, Mr. Frankenstein spent considerable time climbing trees for Hawk nests. Seventeen sets of the Red-shoulder are included in the collection. "One Red-tail's nest was found at Corfu, eighty feet from the ground in a very large elm. Tree was so large and as there were no limbs within fifty feet from ground, I had to jump to small tree seven feet away to get down". Again, in reporting a set of Red-tail eggs collected from a nest seventy feet above ground at Alden, Mr. Frankenstein wrote, " Fell from tree, but caught a small one on way down. Rain made climb very hard". On another occasion, while collecting a set of Sparrow Hawk eggs, he "fell from tree about 20 ft".

Some remarkable nests were recorded. A Black-billed Cuckoo nest with two eggs was found June 6, 1915 at Glenwood. "The only reason this set was taken was that it was placed on the ground in grass about 12 inches high, in fact it could not be seen by a standing person more than two feet away . . . Nest was composed of fibers, vines, and twigs, and located in willow patch about forty feet from creek". A set of 26 Flicker eggs from Art Jones of Forbs, N. Y. lacks the year of collection, but it is explained that on May 11, the nest contained three eggs. One was taken on that day, and subsequently single eggs were taken almost daily, two being left in the nest at all times, until the 29th. "Rest of data lost. There were 29 eggs collected in this way, three being broken. The last two eggs were taken after three days with no increase. Two weeks later during a thunder storm this tree was struck and what was left of eight eggs was found on the ground, which shows if it was the same bird laying, apparently which was the case, there were 37 eggs in all".

Among the best records, besides those already mentioned, are included Rose-breasted Grosbeak (5), Goshawk (2), Ovenbird (2), Orchard Oriole (3), White-eyed Vireo (3), Canada Warbler (1), Hooded Warbler (8), Prairie Warbler (1), and Black-throated Blue Warbler (1). Some of the above merit special and detailed mention, but further investigation is necessary to make certain they can be substantiated fully. A further report will be made in a later issue of the "PROTHONOTARY". Meantime, the writer would appreciate any information which readers may be able to give him on the history of the collector, as well as of Dr. J. O. Frankenstein, whose records are frequently mentioned in the catalog. Possibly some of our older observers will be able to recall some interesting reminiscences of their work.

C.S.Beardslee

NOTES

The well-edited Bird Calendar of the Cleveland Bird Club forthe fourth quarter of 1941 has much of interest. Of the records listed, some of the most notable are those of Pacific Loon, Western Eared Grebe, Black-necked Stilt, Hawk Owl, Kirtland's Warbler, Audubon's Warbler, Dickcissel, and Lark Sparrow. Both the extremely workmanlike magazine and the thorough field work upon which it is based are worthy of hearty praise.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for December is full of amazing records. A few are Western Grebe, Golden Egle, Black Gyrfalcon, Purple Gallinule (Merrymeeting Bay, Maine), Black-headed Gull, Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker (W. Becket, Mass.), Acadian Chickadee (6 records), and Hoary Redpoll. Late records included Arkansas Kingbird (Dec. 8), Phoebe (Dec. 16), Long-billed Marsh Wren (Dec. 21), Short-billed Marsh Wren (Dec. 28), Baltimore Oriole Dec. 23), and Bronzed Grackle (350 on Dec. 30). Present, but in numbers much below normal were Mourning Dove (none from Mass.), Northern Shrike, Junco, Swamp Sparrow, and Song Sparrow ("astoundingly few").

C.S.B.

The "Bulletin" reports a relatively mild and open winter, which made for a greater variety of species than usual, especially along the coast. A Common Loon was "caught alive in street" at Dalton, Mass. in the Berkshires. Rareties included Gyrfalcon at Westfield, King Rail at Monomoy, and several Acadian Chickadees as far south as Connecticut. Snowy Owls continue to be reported from many localities, and on Jan. 2, as many as 7 were in sight at once on Martha's Vineyard (Hagar). Rather large numbers of Redwings, Grackles and Cowbirds wintered in Rhode Island. Crossbills were scarce, but there were many reports of Evening Grosbeaks, some from as far south as Conn.

H. D. M.

Unusual records from Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club of Rochester:

Week ending Jan. 30" Red-throated Loon, Shoveller, Glaucous Gull, Winter Wren, Robin, Bohemian Waxwing (Durant-Eastman Park), Pine Grosbeak, Redpoll, and Pine Siskin.

Week ending Feb. 6: Shoveller, White-winged Scoter, Robin, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, and White-winged Crossbill.

Week ending Feb. 13: Holboell's Grebe.

Week ending Feb. 20: Horned Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Marsh Hawk, Red-wing, Pine Grosbeak, and Redpoll.

C.S.B.

Since Jan. 14th a Duck Hawk has been seen many times by members of my class. Its range is from E. Ferry, Utica and Main to Fillmore, also Humboldt Park and Northland Ave.

On March 10, it was again seen by John Filor across the street from the Museum. He said,"It struck a pigeon from above, the pigeon's feather flying in all directions".

Heather Thorpe.

FUTURE EVENTS

MEETINGS:

March 25 Wednesday 8.00 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Showing of Maruice Broun's movies of Hawk Mountain.

April 8 Wednesday 8:00 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Playing of the new Kellogg, Brand Bird Records - Heather Thorpe
Plans for Spring Duck Census - H. D. Mitchell

April 22 Wednesday 8:00 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Optics of Binoculars -William Almendinger

TRIPS:

April 12 -Sunday Spring Duck Census - H. D. Mitchell, leader.

April 26 -Sunday Trip south of Buffalo. For details, see April PROTHONOTARY.

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March was in some ways a most remarkable month. Everyone of the first twenty-one days was warmer than normal" only four of the succeeding days were colder than normal and of these none showed temperatures more than four degrees below normal. Probably the most unusual feature of themonth was the fact that the lowest temperature recorded on any day was twenty-four degrees above zero. Although the figures are not available for comparison, it is doubtful if any preceding March in many years could boast a minimum temperature as high as this. The month was not entirely free from unpleasantness, however. On the third, a heavy fall of wet snow disrupted traffic and left a blanket which did not entirely disappear until the seventeenth. On the ninth the wind reached a velocity of 66 mph. and on the tenth 59 mph. Otherwise, March was much more kind to us than usual, and the earlier bird migrants responded to the favorable weather conditions by arriving, in many instances, ahead of schedule. Northern gulls were again notably scarce, as were Hooded Mergansers, which usually are fairly numerous after March 15th. We fear that the Acadian Chickadees, reported from many other localities during the past winter, have successfully avoided the eyes of our observers, even though we have been on the watch for them.

Restrictions on our visits to Buffalo's water front areas, caused by wartime precautionary measures, have begun to be felt in our records. Access to some of our best areas of observation, e.g. Tifft St. the lower harbor, Coast Guard Station, the filtration plant area at the foot of Porter Ave., and Bird Island, apparently will be denied to us "for the duration". In addition, because of the tire shortage the number and extent of our field trips has been restricted; some of our best observers are in service; and all of us are busy and will be busier in various activities incident to the war effort. Now, if ever, we must demonstrate that we can "pick up or lay down" our hobby; and when we are able to pick it up, let us make the best use of the time which we can devote to it.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Horned Grebe	March	25 (F)	5	Grand Island	(Verrill)
Pied-billed Grebe	"	31 (F)	1	Clarence	(Beardslee)
Great Blue Heron	"	22 (F)	2	0 0	(Mrs. F. G. Smith, Anderlee)
	"	26	6	Grand Island	on nests in heronry
Whistling Swan	"	15 (F)	4	Niagara Gorge	(Herndon et al)
	"	18th to end of month	1 - 34	on Dr. Stafford's pond, O.O.	(many members)
	"	22	60	Lorraine	(David Archbald rep. Verrill)
	"	25	12	Pt. Abino, Ont.	(Doyle)
	"	25	4	Newstead Sinks	(Mitchell)
	"	26	28	Strawberry Island	(Doyle)

Whistling Swan (Cont'd)	March 27		8	0 0	(Wright)
	" 29		12	0 0	(Chandler)
	" 29		2	Sunken Island	(Klepfers)
	" 31		2	Grand Island	(T. Weaver, D. Kelly)
Canada Goose	" 11th to end of month, maximum of 1,000-1,500 0 0				(many members)
	" 8		8	Wanaka	(Wright)
	" 19		75	over Buffalo	(Doyle)
	" 20		3	S. Buffalo Harbor	(Bourne)
	" 21		36	Lakeside; 200 Shadigee	(Somerside)
	" 26		12	S. Buffalo Harbor	(Bourne)
	" 28		300	0 0	(A. Ulrich)
	" 31		10	Grand Island	(T. Weaver, D. Kelly)
Green-winged Teal	" 17	(F)	1	0 0	(Jim Madison)
	" 28		14	Shore Acres	(A. Ulrich)
Blue-winged Teal	" 23	(F)	1	0 0	(Beardslee)
Shoveller	" 31	(F)	1	Grand Island	(T. Weaver, D. Kelly)
Ring-necked Duck	" 19		2	Pr. Newstead Sinks	(Mitchell)
	" 28		50 plus	Bradock's Bay	(A. Ulrich)
Hooded Merganser	" 28		4	0 0	(Mrs. Beadle)
	" 28		10	Bradock's Bay	(A. Ulrich)
Turkey Vulture	" 17	(F)	2	0 0	(Beardslee)
				Since then seen regularly at 0 0 - max. number 6 on 3/22/42	(Ecklers)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 8		1	Ridgeway, N Y	(Somerside)
Cooper's Hawk				Many reports by many members	
Red-tailed Hawk				" " " " "	
Red-shouldered Hawk	" 25	(F)	1	Akron	(Mitchell)
	" 26		1	Hamburg	(Bourne)
	" 31		1	0 0	(Beardslee)
Rough-legged Hawk				Many records by many members	
Marsh Hawk	" 8	(F)	1	Angola	(Dolores Jameson)
	" 8		1	Grand Island	(Doyle)
Ruffed Grouse	" 25		1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	(Doyle)
Coot	" 18	(F)	1	0 0	(Jim Madison)
Killdeer	" 6	(F)	1	Hamburg	(Wilson)
Wood Cock	" 21	(F)	1	Delaware Park	(Doyle)
	" 28		1	Virgil Avenue	(Thorpe)
Greater Yellow-legs	" 27	(F)	4	Lackawanna - in flooded field s. of Father Baker's	(Bourne)
Purple Sandpiper	" 15	(L)	1	Goat Island	(Herndon, et al)
Glaucous Gull	Feb 28		2	Ohio Basin	(Wright)
	March 1		2	Ohio Basin	(Savage)
	" 7		1	Buffalo Harbor	(Mitchell)
	" 12	(L)	1	off Furhman Dr.	(Bourne)
Mourning Dove	" 8	(F)	1	Derby	(Wright)
	" 16		1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Screech Owl	" 1		1	Cor. Crescent & Robie, Buffalo	(Hedley, Filor rep. Thorpe)
	" 15		1	Hamburg	(Bourne)
Great-horned Owl	Feb 23		2	Hamburg	(Wilson)
	March 15		1	0 0	(Ecklers)
	" 15		1	Hamburg	(Bourne)
Snowy Owl	" 27	(L)	1	Woodlawn	(Wilson
Barred Owl	" 15, 21, 22 & 29		2	0 0	(Ecklers)
Short-eared Owl	" 1		2	Elmlawn Cem.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 24		1	Grand Island	(Doyle)
Saw-whet Owl	" 21	(F)	1	Lakeside (at mouth of Johnson's Creek near L. Ontario, in small hemlock on slope of land toward creek on south side of creek)	(Somerside)

Belted Kingfisher	March 28		1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mrs.F.G.Smith,Anderle)
Flicker	" 8		1	Angola	(Wright)
	" 20		1	Hamburg	(Wilson)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	25		1	LeRoy	(Mitchell)
Phoebe	March 20		1	0 0	(Doyle)
	" 20		1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mrs.F.G.Smith,Anderle)
	" 20		2	Delaware Park	(Bruce Lee)
Northern Horned Lark	" 1		1	Grand Island	(Thorpe et al)
Swallow (sp?)	" 27		1	Transit sinks "not a tree Swallow-didn't get in time before it was gone", (Somerside)	
Tree Swallow	" 28		1	Indian Falls	(A. Ulrich)
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 8		1	Springville	(Wright)
	" 22		1	Holland	(Mrs. Madison)
Robin	" 2		1	Buffalo	(Houghton rep. Mitchell)
	" 3		1	Buffalo (in blizzard)	(Beardslee)
	" 6		3	Angola	(Dolores Jameson)
	" 8			Common - many records	
	" 8		40	Angola	(Wright)
Hermit Thrush	" 21	(F)	1	Military Road	(Beardslee)
Bluebird	" 12	(F)	1	Castile	(Mary Thompson)
	" 13		5	Castile	(Mary Thompson)
	" 15		2	Hamburg	(Bourne)
	" 16		1	Holland	(Miss James)
Cedar Waxwing	" 17	(F)	25	S. Park -Buffalo	(Bourne)
	" 19		30	Wanaka	(Wright)
	" 20		14	Buffalo	(Mitchell)
	" 20		11	Hamburg	(Wilson)
Northern Shrike	" 8		1	Concord	(Wright)
	" 22	(L)	1	0 0 (Ecklers, Mrs. F. G. Smith, Anderle)	
Migrant Shrike	" 20	(F)	1	Singing) 0 0	(Mitchell)
	" 24		3	Lakeside	(Somerside)
	" 25		1	West Seneca	(Bourne)
	" 27		1	0 0	(Wright)
Meadowlark	" 14	(F)	1	Dunkrk	(Somerside)
Red-wing	" 8		1	0 0	(Ecklers)
Rusty Blackbird	" 20	(F)	6	Hamburg	(Bourne)
	" 20		3	0 0	(Doyle)
	" 25		10	Pt. Abino, Ont.	(Doyle)
Bronzed Grackle	" 9	(F)	1	Starin & Englewood	(Klepfer)
Cowbird	" 16	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mrs. F. G. Smith, Anderle)
	" 16		15	Hamburg	(Bourne)
Cardinal	" 7		1	Grand Is. (Mrs. F. G. Smith, Anderle)	
	" 8		1	in backyard -Buffalo	(Mitchell)
Evening Grosbeak	Feb. 22		26	E. Eden	(Dr. Mols)
Common Redpoll	March 28		81	near Eagle Harbor	(A. Ulrich)
Goldfinch	" 1		3	Medina	(Somerside)
	" 15		1	Crescent Beach, Ont.	(Doyle)
	" 15		1	0 0	(Ecklers)
Savannah Sparrow	" 28		3	0 0	(A. Ulrich)
Vesper Sparrow	" 29	(F)	1	0 0	(Ecklers)
	" 30		1	Newstead Sinks	(Savage)
Fox Sparrow	" 17	(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 21		1	Forest Lawn	(Mrs. F. G. Smith)
	" 31		1	Grand Island	(T. Weaver, D. Kelly)
Song Sparrow	" 28		1	Wanaka	(Wright)
Lapland Longspur	" 16		8	Bay View	(Bourne)
Snow Bunting	" 1		30	Alden	(Bill Jameson)
	" 8		250	Hamburg	(Wilson)
	" 8		3000	Genesee Road,Concord	(Wright)
	" 10		13	Medina	(Somerside)
	" all month		2	at feeding sta. at Gainesville	(Mrs. E. V.Smith

New for March 29 species.
Total for year 102 species.

NOTES

A sad note is struck in the Bulletin of "NEW ENGLAND BIRD LIFE", reporting February records. We quote; "On Feb. 22nd Mr. Griscom found some 5000 oiled ducks on Monomoy Point's beaches, victims of a tanker's foundering nearby. About 90 per cent of these were eiders, and it seems certain that a high percentage of them will perish . . . . . This preliminary investigation yielded nine species of fowl so affected . . . . . " . When it is recalled that this is only one instance of what has been taking place along the Atlantic seaboard, it is only logical to fear that a terrifying toll has been taken of our wintering duck population. Outstanding records for February include Pacific Loon, Black Gyrfalcon, Ivory Gull, Richardson's Owl, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Acadian Chickadee (five reports), Mockingbird, and Evening Grosbeak (many flocks).

Noteworthy records from the Cleveland Bird Club: Rudy Duck (Dec. 7), Bonaparte's Gull (500 Dec., 2000 Jan., 445 Feb.), Surf Scoter (Dec. 21), Green Heron (Jan.1), Coot (one regularly along Lake Erie Shore, Jan. Feb.), Purple Sandpiper (Dec. 27 and 31), Red Crossbill (Dec. 8 and 12). Three winter bird population studies add greatly to the interest in the report.

The December and January numbers of "THE REDSTART" are acknowledged. The former deals at considerable length with club plans during the trying months to come. In the January issue is an interesting discussion of "vermin" control, reporting considerable progress in education of the public in a more sound understanding of the economic value of the raptores. Very illuminating was a list of hawks reported killed in Marion county (W.Va.), which included 24 "Goshawks" destroyed between April and September 1941! As Mr. Handlan states, whatever those hawks were, it is a pretty safe bet that they were not goshawks.

Mr. Kenneth Terres of the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, has submitted the following records, taken from his observations and reports during his work in Western New York.

In February 1930, two downy young barnowls were taken from a nest in a hollow tree, at Cassadaga Village, Chatauqua County. Mr. Rex White of Fredonia, N. Y. reported these birds and said they had been presented to the Buffalo Zoo. A subsequent check showed that the Zoo received two barn owls at that time.

On Jan. 20, 1939 a flock of fifteen mouning doves, fed on weed seeds from some dropped hay in the center of the road, five miles east of Geneseo, although eight to twelve inches of snow covered the ground and the temperature was ten degrees below zero.

Breeding Hooded Warblers were seen for three consecutive years in a woods on the Glor farm at Attica, New York.

During a snow storm and at a thirty degree temperature, three Bronzed Grackles were feeding one mile west of Rushford in a small open water area of brook flowing through a field covered with ten inches of snow, on January 10, 1940.

On February 27th, 1940, a flock of ten Hungarian Partridge were observed in a field at West Valley, Cattaraugus County. In this same locality, a pair of possibly breeding Upland Plover were seen in a hilltop pasture on May 7, 1940.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported from the Glor farm at Attica, N. Y. on June 7, 1939 and on June 10, 1940.

W. E. Saunders of Landon, Ontario gives these records of the spring arrivals for that territory:

On March 6 a pair of Marsh Hawks, soared over the area of a last year's nesting site, an early record. A Blue bird arrived on March 3 and on March 8 two small flocks of Red-winged Black Birds, the first birds to arrive in numbers.

MEETINGS

In the first meeting for March, Harlan Eckler showed his newest colored pictures, which as usual were much appreciated and enjoyed. Mr. Vernon Thompson was accepted as an associate member.

On March 25th - Winston Brockner showed Maurice Broun's movies of Hawk mountain. At this meeting Miss Heather Thorpe, Miss Mildred Baker and Dr. L. Herndon were appointed to arrange the exhibit for the coming School of Conservation. Through the generocity of Fred Hazeltine, of LeRoy, we have come into possession of quite a number of ornithological books. In appreciate, we voted to name this collection "The Fred Hazeltine Library of Ornithology".

SPECIAL NOTICE

The construction of a proposed dam threatens the destruction of Cook Forest. This flooding would destroy one of the last remaining stands of virgin White Pine, with its characteristic under growth. Many thousands of people yearly enjoy the quiet and rest of the sanctity of this forest. Its destruction would remove another of the few remaining untrammeled and unspoiled spots of nature. Write your protests to Harold D. Smith, Director of Budget, Washington, D.C. and your own senators.

FUTURE EVENTS: THIRD ANNUAL SCHOOL OF CONSERVATION

April 15, 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Dinner for members and friends and for affiliated clubs of the Forum and the Council of Scientific Societies. All conservationists welcome. Opportunity afforded for viewing the special Conservation Exhibit sponsored by the Museum and the Forum.

April 16 Thursday Morning 10 - 12. Afternoon, 2 - 4. An outstanding program of educational moving pictures and authoritative speakers will be presented. Watch the press for complete program. Participating are: Mr. Flavel Shurtloff, New York City, Counsel of the American Planning and Civic Ass'n, Chief Engineer Bertram G. Tallamy of the Niagara Frontier planning board and District Conservationist Hugh M. Wilson of Warsaw, N. Y., also other good speakers.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Planning, national, regional and local Gardening for Victory
Conserving Basic Resources
Youth in Conservation
Conserving life and moral in emergency

MOVING PICTURES:

From SCS: "A Heritage We Guard", "Muddy Waters" and "The Living Land".
From National Audubon Society, "The Audubon Camp Movie".

MEETINGS:

April 22 Wed. 8 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
"Optics of Binoculars" - William Almendinger

May 13 Wed. 8 PM Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
Plan Spring Warbler Census
Ed. C. Ulrich, Captain
Examination of Warbler skins.

FIELD TRIPS:

April 26 Sunday Tentative trip south of Buffalo
Call W. Brockner - LI-5604 for details

May 9 & 10 - Sat. & Sund. PYMATUNING FIELD TRIP
Outing by Bus. Leave City Hall 7:00 A.M. Bring lunch for Saturday picnic at Erie, Pa. Presque Isle., and on to Pymatuning late Saturday afternoon. Return by Sunday evening. For cost including bus, overnight, Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner, inquire of Harold D. Mitchell, also for reservations, UN-8532.

May 17 Sun. Spring Warbler Census - Ed C. Ulrich, Captain

Statisticians: Harold D. Mitchell and Clark S. Beardslee

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THE MONTH

The first week of April was mild, and marked by a warm and beautiful Easter on the 5th. The second week was cold, with a four inch fall of snow on the 10th. Our duck census, held on the twelfth, was affected by the low temperatures, which tended to retard a migration movement, accelerated by the earlier warm weather. These ups and downs are to be expected in any month, but usually they are either slight or of short duration or both. Very remarkable, therefore, was the period which started on April 23rd, for it was one of exceptionally high temperature, (80 degrees on the 26th), and persisted until May 5. Moreover, there was no precipitation during the entire thirteen days, so that the result was an impression of jumping from April into June. The effect upon the small bird migration was unprecedented, as a study of the records below will readily show. So many "earliest ever" records were reported that the month will long be remembered by our observers. The form of the migratory movement was also most interesting. At no time was there a real "wave" of warblers. Rather it seemed that only a few individuals dared to venture northward, and that the main groups were awaiting their correct date before following them.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Green Heron	Apr 30	(F)	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Black-crowned night Heron	Apr 8	(F)	1	South Park	(Bourne)
	" 16		25	Grand Island	(Eames)
American Bittern	" 19	(F)	1	Grand Island	(Brockner)
	" 19		2	0 0	(Dr. Meade)
Gadwall	" 18		4	Grand Island	(Mitchell, Brockner, Smiths)
European Widgeon	" 19		1	Buck's Pond	(Dr. Meade)
	" 20		1	0 0	(Beardslee)
Wood Duck	March 29	(F)	2	Lyndonville	(W. A. Smith)
	April 3		2	0 0	(Weaver & Kelly)
	" 4		10	0 0	(" ")
	" 4		1	0 0	(Ecklers)
White-winged Scoter	" 28			Dunkirk	(Bert Wright)
Ruddy Duck	" 13	(F)	1	Farmersville	(Bourne)
	" 19		1	Lime Lake	(Klepfers)
Broad-winged Hawk	" 27	(F)		(see article on migration)	
Rough-legged Hawk	" 20	(L)	1	Grand Is.	(Mansfield, Kelly, Hickman)
Bald Eagle	" 2		2	Grand Is.	(Beardslee & Verrill)
Asprey	" 19	(F)	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Sora Rail	" 8	(F)	2	0 0 Swamp	(J. Madison, rep. Mitchell)

Florida Gallinule	April	27	(F)	1	Horseshoe Lake (Mrs. Pixley)
Wilson's Snipe	"	2	(F)	1	0 0 (Weaver & Kelly)
Upland Plover	"	19	(F)	1	Grand Island (Brockner)
Spotted Sandpiper	"	22	(F)	1	Holland (James)
Solitary Sandpiper	"	30	(F)	1	0 0 (Ecklers)
Lesser Yellow-legs	"	23	(F)	5	Gainesville (Mrs. E. V. Smith)
	"	24		1	Batavia (Mrs. Pixley)
Purple Sandpiper	"	23	(L)	1	Goat Island (Beardslee & Mitchell)
Great Black-backed Gull	"	17	(L)	1	Grand Island (Somerside)
Bonaparte's Gull	"	1		20	Grand Island (Doyle)
Common Tern	"	21	(F)	15	So. End, Grand Island (Eames)
Short-eared Owl	"	20		3	Hamburg (Creightons)
Chimney Swift	"	26	(F)		Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	March	27	(F)	1	Derby (Bert Wright)
Least Flycatcher	April	28	(F)	1	South Park (Mitchell)
	"	30		1	Horseshoe Lake (Mrs. Pixley)
Bank Swallow	"	19	(F)	4	0 0 (Ecklers)
Barn Swallow	"	18	(F)	1	Forest Lawn (Brockner)
Cliff Swallow	"	30	(F)	5	Gainesville (Mrs. E. V. Smith)
Purple Martin	"	1	(F)	1	Lyndonville (W. A. Smith)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	27	& Later	1	Delaware Park & Forest Lawn (Many Mem.)
House Wren	"	28	(F)	1	Buffalo (Mrs. Hickman)
	"	28		1	Horseshoe Lake (Mrs. Pixley)
	"	28		1	Hamburg (Bourne)
Winter Wren	"	5	and later	-	Many records by many members.
Catbird	"	30	(F)	1	Lakeside (Pintler, rep. Somerside)
Brown Thrasher	"	24	(F)	1	Tifft St. (Bert Wright)
Wood Thrush	"	26	(F)	2	or 3 in song Chestnut Ridge Pk. (Verrill)
	"	30		1	Delaware Park (Beardslee & Hickman)
Veery	"	30	(F)	1	Jamestown (Beal)
Pipit	"	4	(F)	5	Hamburgh (Bourne)
Migrant Shrike	"	4		1	Dunkirk (Bourne)
	"	5		2	N. of Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
	"	5		2	Clarence Sinks (Klepfers)
	"	19		1	Ridgeway, N Y (Somerside & Pintler)
	"	26		2	Lyndonville (Somerside)
Blue-headed Vireo	"	26	(F)	1	Jamestown (Beal)
	"	27		1	Forest Lawn (Mansfield & Hickman)
	"	28		1	Angola (Bert Wright)
Warbling Vireo	"	29	(F)	1	Holland (James)
Black & White Warbler	"	26	(F)	1	Forest Lawn (Mansfield, Klepfer, Voltz)
Nashville Warbler	"	27	(F)	1	Williamsville (Bowen)
Yellow Warbler	"	26	(F)	4	0 0 (Somerside)
	"	26		1	0 0 (Ecklers)
	"	26		1	Jamestown (Beal)
Cape May Warbler	"	27	(F)	2	Williamsville (Bowen)
	"	29		1	Horseshoe Lake (Mrs. Pixley)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	"	28	(F)	1	South Park (Mitchell)
Myrtle Warbler	"	10	(F)		Orchard Park (Mrs. Philip Clark, rep. Winship)
	"	19		1	Horseshoe Lake (Mrs. Pixley)
	"	19		1	0 0 (Dr. Meade)
Black-throated Green Warbler	"	27	(F)	1	Batavia (Mrs. Pixley)
	"	29		1	Springville (Bert Wright)
Pine Warbler	"	24	(F)	1	Delaware Park (Hickman, Mansfield, Voltz)
Western Palm Warbler	"	27	(F)	1	Williamsville (Bowen)
Northern Water Thrush	"	26	(F)	1	Jamestown (Beal)
	"	26		1	0 0 (Ecklers)
Louisiana Water Thrush	"	25	(F)	1	Boston (Bourne)
	"	25		1	East Aurora (James)
Redstart	"	30	(F)	1	0 0 (Ecklers)
Cardinal					Seen at various places, including Forest /Lawn
Evening Grosbeak	"	8	(L)	3	(E.Aurora (Wild)

Grasshopper Sparrow	April	25	(F) 2	Orchard Park	(Wander)
Henslow's Sparrow	"	26	(F) 1	Gainesville	(Mrs. E. V. Smith)
	"	26	1	Holland	(James)
Chipping Sparrow	"	13	(F) 1	Medina	(Pintler rep. Somerside)
Field Sparrow	March	27	(F) 1	Derby	(B. Wright)
White-crowned Sparrow	April	30	(F) 1	Lincoln Park	(Hickman, Mansfield)
White-throated Sparrow	"	18	(F) 1	Kenmore	(Beardslee)
Swamp Sparrow	"	5	(F) 6	O O	(Brockner et al)
	"	5	1	Tifft Street	(Almendinger)

New for April	58
Total for year to May 1st	160

SPRING DUCK CENSUS

Since the first Sunday of April was Easter, it was decided to hold our census the following Sunday, April 12, a later date than in previous years. As might be expected more species of birds were seen, due to the later date. Territories covered and observers follow:

A Dunkirk Harbor, Cassadaga & Lake Erie Shore - Willard F. Stanley, Miss Schober
B Silver, Crystal, Cuba & Lime Lakes, also Sandusky (Mr. & Mrs. Creighton Mr. & Mrs. Winship)
C Hamburg to Dunkirk, Lake Erie Shore - Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wilson
D Canadian Shore Lake Erie to Pt. Colborn - Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Hickman, L. Murphy
E Buffalo Harbor & Canadian side Niagara River & Goat Is. James Savage
F Buffalo to Niagara Falls, Amer. side Niagara River - Mrs. Madison, Miss Lamy, Miss Karnath, Miss Baker)
G Grand Island, East Side Dr. Lee Herndon and Sons
H Grand Island, North End - C. S. Beardslee, J. Hedley, J. Filer
J " " South End - W. Brockner, A. Schott
K " " West side - Mr. & Mrs. Ulrich, R. Anderle
L Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario & Bond Lake - Mr. Rogerson
M Lincoln Park & Tonawandas - Miss Schwenger, Miss Mendling
N Delaware Park, Forest Lawn & Cheektowaga Miss Thorpe, D. Pause, D. Wiesnet
O Transit, Clarence & Newstead Sinks - Ward Klepfer
P Oak Orchard Swamp, Creek & West Side - H. Eckler, R. Wilder
Q " " " East side - H. D. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Wells, Mr. & Mrs. Tilley Mrs. Beadle, Miss Facklin, Mrs. Smith, Wm. Almendinger Mrs. Overfield, R. Chandler, S. Potter, R. Byron, Miss Brown.
R Lake Ontario Shore, Wilson to Waterport - C. A. Somerside, H. Pintler
S " " " Genesee R. to Braddock's Bay - Dr. G.M.Meade, C.Evans, J.Taylor
T Batavia, Leroy & vic. - Mrs. O. L. Pixley
U Castile Mrs. Thompson

April 12 Weather, cool Strong west wing, Snowing in Hills South of Buffalo Snow on ground - up to 6" depth in Hills. - Letters refer to group report, *refers to first record for year.

Loon, 11; Horned Grebe 12; Pied-b. Grebe 26; Great Blue Heron 244; Whistling Swan 8 (D,Q,S); Mute Swan 4 (A,R)*; Canada Goose 8269; Lesser Canada Goose, 1 (Q)*; Common Mallard 112; Red-l. Black Duck 3 (H,Q,R); Common Black Duck 439; Gadwall 5 (H)*; European Widgeon 1 (S)*; Baldpate 578; Pintail 903; Green-w. Teal 16; Blue-w. Teal 47; Shoveller 3 (Q); Wood Duck 17 (P,R); Redhead 6 (B,E,S); Canvasback 46 (D,E) Greater and lesser Scaup Duck 3220; Amer. Golden-eye 596; Bufflehead 54; Old-squaw 165; Hooded Merganser 27; Amer. Merganser 584; Red-br. Merganser 494; Turkey Vulture 27 Sharp-shinned Hawk 3 (B,D,O); Red-tailed Hawk 15 & nest(G), Red-shouldered Hawk 3 (B, & Nes 1 E (P); Rough-legged Hawk 5; Bald Eagle 1 (H); Marsh Hawk 34; Pigeon Hawk 1(M) Sparrow Hawk 44; Ruffed Grouse 1 (D); Ring-n. pheasant 157; Coot 4 (S); Killdeer 93; Woodcock 1 (C); Wilson's Snipe 7; Greater Yellow-legs 11; Pectoral Sandpiper 8 (C)*; Purple Sandpiper 1 (E); Glaucous Gull 1 (S); Gt. Black-b. Gull 11; Herring Gull 1188; Ring-billed Gull 3212; Bonaparte's Gull 565; Mourning Dove 62; Barred Owl 6 & 2 nests (P); Long-eared Owl 1 (K); Short-eared Owl 1 (D); Belted Kingfisher 26; Flicker 75;

Red-bellied Woodpecker i (T); Red-headed Woodpecker 9 (H,K,L,R); Yellow-b.Sapsucker 22; Hairy Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 29; Phoebe 33; Pr. Horned Lark 174; Tree Swallow 37; Rough-winged Swallow 1 (T)*; Purple Martin 3 (D); Blue Jay 10; Crow 767; Bl.-c. Chickadee 194; White-br. Nuthatch 33; Brown Creeper 60; Winter Wren 5(C,G,L,N); Sage Thrasher 1 (S)*; Robin,1944, Hermit Thrush 16; Bluebird 98; Golden-cr.Kinglet 227, Ruby-cr. Kinglet 1 (N)*; Cedar Waxwing 13 (C,D); Migrant Shrike 9; Starling 4832; Myrtle Warbler 1 (B), English Sparrow 1073; Meadowlark 128; Redwing 1351; Rusty Blackbird 38; Bronzed G rackle 523; Cowbird 742; Cardinal 8; Purple Finch 2 (C); Common Redpoll 6 (S); Goldfinch 3 (C,D) Red-eyed Towhee 3 (D); Savannah Sparrow 48; Vesper Sparrow 214; Sl. Col. Junco 1427, Tree Sparrow 527; Field Sparrow 3 (C,D,L); Fox Sparrow 8; Swamp Sparrow 14; Song Sparrow 1372;

Total species 104- compared with 90 species

Individuals 37,488- " "45,462 individuals in 1941 on April 6th.

The outstanding record was the Sage Thrasher, observed by Dr. Gordon M. Meade and party on a plowed field just south of Braddock's Bay. We believe that this may be the first record from east of the Mississippi River. Fortunately the specimen was obtained and the skin preserved. The sage Thrasher is a rather inconspicuous bird, about robin size, gray-backed, with heavily streaked breast, and white spots at end of some of the outer tail feathers and with a pale yellow eye. A bird of the desert and sage brush country of the west, it seldom wanders far from its customary habitat, so that its presence here is purely accidental.

Among other noteworthy records of the census are the Purple Sandpiper observed near Goat Island by Mr. James Savage, and the Lesser Canada Goose, observed with 7500 Canada Geese at Oak Orchard Swamp by Mr. Mitchell's party. This Goose was about two-thirds the size of a Canada Goose, and according to Dr. Sutton it was more likely a Lesser Canada Goose than a Hutchins's Goose, a name now applied to a smaller Goose, about one-half the size of a Canada Goose.

Compared with previous years, the increase in the number of Canada Geese is remarkable, there being 1690 in 1938, 5528 in 1941 and 8269 in 1942. Most of the ducks, however, showed a decrease in numbers as compared with the last two years, especially Redhead and Canvasback. No Ruddy Ducks whatever were reported. Increased protection of these species seems desirable. Baldpate, however, were more common than usual. Only 3 Red-shouldered Hawks were seen compared to 23 a year ago, while Turkey Vultures were seen in larger numbers than in recent years. Among the early migrants were Pectoral Sandpiper, Rough-winged Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Myrtle Warbler, none of which usually appear in our Duck Census records. On the other hand we missed American Bittern, Black-cr. Night Heron, Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Great Horned and Screech Owls, Red-br. Nuthatch and others which have been observed on several occasions on our April Census.

The leader wishes to thank all those participating for covering their territories systematically and thoroughly.

Harold D. Mitchell

HAWK MIGRATION in WESTERN NEW YORK in 1942 .

A level stretch of land extends inward in southwestern New York from the eastern shoreline of Lake Erie to the Arkwright hills the terminus in this area of the Allegheny system of mountains. Along this belt lies a very definite migration route.

Regularly in the spring, migrants are observed along this path. Each woods has its quota of passing birds. Under favorable conditions, Hawks pass along in numbers, sufficient to attract attention. Once before it was our good fortune to experience this very interesting observation. At that time, about six years ago, we saw thousands of Broadwinged and Sharpshinned Hawks during one morning in late April in the area between Dunkirk and the town of Hamburg.

This year, the first reports of a Hawk migration came from Tom Bourne in Hamburg who stated that a friend of his had seen thousands of Hawks flying over Hamburg on April 27th. When questioned as to the number, he said "Well, anyway, There were more Hawks than you ever saw". Mr. Bourne also reported a good flight on April 28th at the same place.

On the morning of April 28th, Bert Wright, at Wanakah, reported 125 Broadwinged and four Cooper's Hawks. In response to a call from him, Harold D. Mitchell intercepted the migration several miles south of Woodlawn. His observations included 18 Broadwinged, 1 Red-shouldered, 2 Cooper's, and 1 sharpshinned.

During the middle of the morning the writer observed 1 Hawk and at noon 3 Hawks, all buteos, flying over the same location in the center of the city of Buffalo.

For April 27th. Clare Somerside writes as follows -"200 more or less of buteo Hawks (because of light and height only positively identified Broadwings) in the vicinity of Medina, Shelby, Middleport, 75 in a single flight. They first at about 3:30 P.M. soaring northward apparently deciding against crossing Lake Ontario, and at 6 P.M. were dispersing over the country side for food and roost.

For May 1, he reported from Lakeside on Lake Ontario 1 Osprey, 3 immature Bald Eagles, 2 Broadwinged, 3 Marsh, 3 sharpshinned and 15-20 unidentifiedHawks, mostly accipiters.

In this area the migration continued, for on May 5th Mr. Somerside again listed 20-25 Broadwinged and (400 to 500 sharpshinned in a constant stream from 12 m to 5:30 P.M. from 3 - 4 to 15-20 in sight at all times, drifting along the shore to the east". He also reported 3 immature Bald Eagles and five Marsh Hawks.

From Forest Lawn Cemetary, within the City of Buffalo, come the following: On April 28th, Ward Klepfer, 1 Buteo species?; May 1st, William Almendinger, 1 Broadwinged; May 2nd, Harold D. Mitchell 6 Broadwinged.

In his observations on April 28th, Mr. Mitchell followed the Hawks along the lake shore toward the Niagara River. He lost them in the smoke and haze of the Bethlehem Steel plant. At this point they rose rapidly and soared out of sight toward the north east.

In this migration, we had reports of a migration of birds from Wanakah on Lake Erie and along the lake shore, across the City of Buffalo on to Shelby about 30 miles to the north east and still farther in the same direction at Lakeside on Lake Ontario. From that point on our records still show that they travelled toward the north east.

This movement coincides with the previous observations of George Guelf at Brockport who has seen numbers of mass flights of Hawks along the shore of Lake Ontario.

E. C. U.

NOTES

Noteworthy records from New England during March include: American Egret (3 record Turkey Vulture (March 9 at Pittsfield - very early), Black-headed Gull (an imm. joined the adult which has wintered at Newburyport), Sabine's Gull (March 8), Hawk Owl (Bath,N.H), Raven, Accadian Chickadee (seven localities), Hoary and Greater Redpolls, and Oregon Junco (subsp.?, two records)

Catching up on observations from our neighbors in Rochester, we find

Wk. ending Mar. 20:	White-winged Scoter, Woodcock, Purple Finch, Pine Grosbeak, Swamp Sparrow.
Wk. ending Mar. 27:	Whistling Swan (first report), Snow Goose, Pigeon Hawk, Bohemian Waxwing, Field Sparrow, Fox Sparrow.
Wk. ending Apr. 3:	Red-throated Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Redpoll, Savanna and Vesper Sparrows.
Wk. ending April 10:	Pied-billed Grebe, Broad-winged Hawk, Redpoll.
Wk. ending April 17:	European Widgeon, Spotted Sandpiper, (early), Glaucous Gull, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Redpoll (late).
Wk. ending April 24:	Holboell's Grebe, Cormorant, Green Heron (early), Whistling Swan (last report), European Widgeon, Osprey, Duck Hawk, Solitary Sandpiper, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, Wood Thrush (very early), Veery (extremely early), Baltimore Oriole (another remarkably early record.).
Wk. ending May 1:	Prairie Marsh Wren, Olive-backed Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, Grasshopper Sparrow.

Lack of records of any warblers except the Myrtle leads us to wonder if the Rochester area missed the important movement described above (The Month). The arrival of Wood Thrush, Veery, Baltimore Oriole, Green Heron, and Spotted Sandpiper before the warm spell, and the absence of extremely early records from the last week of the month when Buffalo observers were having a "field day", are circumstances difficult to explain. We consider our Rochester friends just as diligent as ourselves, and feel certain that if the warblers had reached that area they would have been reported.

During the recent Hawk migration, one of the observers mentioned to a companion, "There are three Hawks soaring. Watch them go!" His companion answered: "There must be an airplane coming". "No, they are riding a thermaluplift." "Out our way"the farmer friend replied, "we call them hen hawks. I don't know what you call them here, but they take our chickens".

FUTURE EVENTS

MEETINGS:

May 13	Wed.	8 PM	Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science Plan Spring Warbler Census Ed. C. Ulrich, Captain Examination of Wabler skins.
May 27	Wed.	8 PM	Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science
June 10	Wed.	6 PM	Como Park, Lancaster - Outdoor Picnic.

FIELD TRIPS:

May 17	Sun.	Spring Warbler Census - Ed C. Ulrich, Captain
May 31		Canadian Shore - Tentative Trip Plans to be announced at meeting.

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THE MONTH

As pointed out in the last issue of the PROTHONOTARY, April ended with an eight day stretch of almost mid-summer weather. This warm weather continued through the first four days of May, and caused such an acceleration in bird migration that May itself was without any recent precedent in record-breaking arrival dates. By May fourth, foliage was advanced about two andone-half weeks ahead of normal, causing no end of trouble in observing the migrating warblers thereafter. Gulls thinned out rapidly, there being only one Bonaparte's Gull reported on the Census (May 17), instead of the hundreds or even thousands which normally should be here at that time.

A good migration of waders was reported from interior points, but the Canadian shore, possibly because of high water, was below par. These shore birds appeared to be little affected by the weather. In this connection, it is interesting to study the records given below, to see which species were seen early and which came on normal schedule. As a group, the flycatchers seemed more affected by the warm weather than any other family.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Whistling Swan	May 3 (L)	1	Lakeside (Somerside)
Canada Goose	" 6 (L)	12	" "
White-winged Scoter	" 17	2	Stillson's Pond at E.Randolph (Bourne)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 3	500--500	Lakeside (Somerside) "Constant stream all P.M. from 12:00 M to 5:30 P.M. From 3 - 4 to 15-20 in sight at all times - drifting along shore to East and not crossing Lake".
Broad winged Hawk	April 27 & 28		Flights continued into May
	May 3	20 - 25	Lakeside (Somerside)
	" 3	1	Sheridan Drive (Mrs.Hickman, Bower)
	" 6	6	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell)
	" 13	15 - 20	E. of Orchard Park (Winship)
Bald Eagle	" 1st, 3rd, 6th, & 9th	3 imm.	Lakeside (Somerside)
	" 9	1	Adult Dunkirk (Mitchell et al)
	" 12	1	Pt. Breeze (Mrs. Pixley)
Marsh Hawk	" 3	5 - 10	Lakeside (Somerside) (see sharp-shinned & Broad_winged Hawks)

Osprey	May 1		1	Lakeside (Somerside, Pintler)
	" 9		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Bert Wright)
	" 22		1	Irving (Bourne)
	" 25		1	O. O. (Beardslee)
Duck Hawk	" 18		1	Olean (Bourne)
Virginia Rail	" 9	(F)	1	O O (Eckler)
Piping Plover	" 27	(F)	1	Silver Bay, Ont. (Mrs. Hickman, Kelly Smith)
Semi-palmated Plover	" 25	(F)	20	O O (Beardslee)
	" 27		2	Rockhouse Pt. Ont. (Bert Wright)
Black-bellied Plover	" 25	(F)	1	O O (Beardslee)
	" 27		1	Rockhouse Pt. Ont. (Bert Wright)
	" 29		1	O O (Ecklers)
Ruddy Turnstone				Many records from Canadian shore
	" 17 - 27th,			5-22-42 6 Dunkirk (Bourne)
Hudsonian Curlew	" 24	(F)	6	O O (Ecklers)
	" 25		38	O O (Beardslee)
Baird's Sandpiper	" 29 & 30	(F)	1	O O (Ecklers)
Least Sandpiper	" 11	(F)	1	O O (Beardslee)
Red-backed Sandpiper				Many records from Canadian shore, Niagara Falls, Dunkirk and Oak Orchard.
Sanderling	" 22	(F)	5	Dunkirk (Bourne)
	" 23		8	Sherkston (Bert Wright)
Iceland Gull	" 22		1	(White-winged Gull, probably this species from size - not as large as Glaucous Gull) at Dunkirk (Bourne)
Black Tern	" 8	(F)	4	Castile (Mary Thompson)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	" 15	(F)	1	O O (Ecklers)
Black-billed Cuckoo	" 11	(F)	1	O O (Beardslee)
Short-eared Owl	" 10		1	Chest. Ridge Pk. (Verrill)
Saw-whet Owl	" 16		1	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Whip-poor-will	April 27	(F)	1	Castile (Mary Thompson)
Night Hawk	May 11	(F)	1	Jamestown (Beal)
Ruby-throated Humming Bird	" 10	(F)	1	Delaware Park (Herndon)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 3		1	Holland (Verrill)
Kingbird	" 1	(F)	1	Lakeside (Somerside, Pintler)
Crested Flycatcher	" 1	(F)		Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell)
	" 1	"		O O (Ecklers)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	" 10	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem (Seeber)
Acadian Flycatcher	" 19	(F)	1	Lincoln Park (Mitchell)
	" 19		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F. G. Smith)
Alder Flycatcher	" 1	(F)	3	Lakeside (Somerside, Pintler)
Wood Pewee	" 3	(F)	1	Batavia (Mrs. Pixley)
	" 13		1	Hamburg (Winships)
			1	Pt. Abino (Mrs. Hickman)
			1	Mt. Morris (Bourne)
Oliver-sided Flycatcher	" 2	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell, Almendinger)
	" 15		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F. G. Smith)
	" 15		1	Hamburg (Bourne)
Carolina Wren	" 22	(F)	1	Larkin's on Lake Shore Rd. (Mitchell)
Prairie Marsh Wren	" 8	(F)	1	O O (Ecklers)
Mockingbird	" 13	(F)	1	E. of Orchard Park (Winships)
Catbird	April 26	(F)	1	Grand River (Eames)
Olive-backed Thrush	May 1		1	Delaware Park (Wendling)
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	" 3	(F)	2	Lakeside (Somerside)
	" 10 and all during May			
			2	Building nest Lincoln Park (Herndon, Hickman et al)
White-eyed Vireo	" 5th & 6th	(F)	1	Wanakah (Bert Wright) (observed closely both days)
Yellow-throated Vireo	" 2	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell, Mr. F. G. Smith)
	" 2		1	O O (Ecklers)
Red-eyed Vireo	" 9	(F)	1	Larkin Estate (Mitchell et al)
Philadelphia Vireo	" 6	(F)	1	Wanakah (Bert Wright)

Prothonotary Warbler	May 7 (F)		0 0	(Mrs. Pixley)
	" 31	2	pairs nesting 0 0	(Ecklers)
Golden winged Warbler	" 3 (F)	1	Batavia	(Mrs. Pixley)
Blue-winged Warbler	" 3 (F)	1	Lakeside	(Somerside)
	" 11	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	(Bert Wright)
Tennesee Warbler	" 3 (F)	1	Horshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Orange-crowned Warbler	" 8 (F)	1	Lincoln Park	(Mitchell)
Parula Warbler	" 6 (F)	2	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
Magnolia Warbler	" 1 (F)	1	Delaware Park	(Bourne)
	" 1	1	Lakeside	(Somerside, Pintler)
Cerulean Warbler	" 2 (F)	1	0 0	(Ecklers)
Blackburnian Warbler	" 1	1	Lincoln Park	(Lrna & Mrs. Mansfield)
	" 1	1	Hamburg	(Winships)
	" 1	1	Lakeside	(Somerside, Pintler)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	" 1 (F)		Many observers	
Bay-breasted Warbler	" 4 (F)	1	Delaware Park	(Mrs. F. G. Smith)
Blackpoll Warbler	" 6 (F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
Pine Warbler	" 12	1	Delaware Park	(Eames)
Ovenbird	April 30 (F)	1	Castile	(Mary Thompson) /Smith
Connecticut Warbler	May 28	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mitchell, Mrs F. G.
Mourning Warbler	" 3 (F)	1	Batavia	(Mrs. Pixley)
N. Yellow-throat	" 3 (F)	1	0 0	(Ecklers)
Hooded Warbler	" 2 (F)	2	Chest. Ridge Park	(Bourne)
Wilson's Warbler	" 15 (F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 15	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mrs. F. G. Smith)
Canadian Warbler	" 2 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mrs. F. G. Smith)
Bobolink	" 1 (F)	1	0 0	(Ecklers)
Orchard Oriole	" 20	1	Jamestown	(Bourne)
Baltimore Oriole	April 30 (F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 30	1	East Aurora	(Wild)
Scarlet Tanager	May 1 (F)	1	Delaware Park	(Mrs. F. G. Smith)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	" 2 (F)	4	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell, Mrs. F. G. Smith)
	" 2	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Indigo Bunting	" 3 (F)	1	LeRoy	(Mrs. Pixley)
	" 3	1	Hamburg	(Winships)
White-crowned Sparrow	" 1 (F)	1	Humboldt Park	(Thorpe)
Lincoln's Sparrow	" 14 (F)	1	Delaware Park	(Mitchell et al)
	" 22	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Klepfer)

Species	April 30th	165
	New for May	63
Total Year, to date		228

SPRING CENSUS

TERRITORIES COVERED and LIST OF OBSERVERS

A Forest Lawn, Delaware Park, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Miss Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Eschelmann, Mrs. Mansfield
B Lincoln Park C. S. Beardslee)
C Silver Creek L. Herndon
D Tifft Street, Buffalo Harborn, Canadian side Niagara River to Niagara Falls,(Savage)
E Canadian Shore to Port Colborn - Mr. and Mrs. King, Almendinger
G Candian Shore Port Colborn to Rock House Pt. - Mitchell, leader, Mrs. Hickman, Schott, Potter, Anderle
H Orchard Park and vicinity-Mr. & Mrs. Winship
I Boston M. Baker
J Holland, Emery Park, Sinking Pond - James, Stanley, Madison
K Gowanda and American Lake Shore - Mr. and Mrs. Seeber
M Zoar Valley Mr. and Mrs. Brettle
N Dunkirk, Cassadaga, Bear Lake, - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley
O Town of Clarence, Tonawanda Ind. Reservation - Ed. & A. Ulrich, M. Brown

P Batavia and vicinity - Mrs. Pixley
Q Lakeside to Wilson-on-Lake, Ont. - Somersides
R Oak Orchard - Eckler
S Indian Falls, Hidden Lake, Oak Orchard - Verrill
T Canadian Shore, Buffalo & vicinity, Gowanda, Oak Orchard - A. J. Wright 2nd, Bartlet Wright
U Bond Lake, Tuscorora Indian Reservation, Ft. Niagara, and Lake Ontario to Wilson - Brockner, leader, H. Thorpe, Mrs. Brockner

Loon 31, Pied-billed Grebe 4, Gr. Blue Heron 82, Green Heron 16, Black-crowned Night Heron 6 (B,H), Am. Bittern 12, Least Bittern 1 (U), Common Mallard 16, Com. Black Duck 94, Baldpate 10, Pintail 4 (E,G), Black-winged Teal 15, Wood Duck 2 (R,S), Lesser Scoup (168), Am. Golden Eye 2 (E, G), Buffle Head 13 (D,E,J), Old Squaw (7), W.winged scoter 1, (D), Surf Scoter 2 (D), Ruddy Duck 2 (G), Hooded Merganser 2 (Q), American Merganser 35, Red Breasted Merganser 661, Turkey Vulture 12, Sharp shinned Hawk 3, (OQS), Cooper's Hawk 2 (OS), Red-tailed Hawk 6, Red-shouldered Hawk 6 (ORS), Broad-winged Hawk 1 (U), Bald - Eagle 5 (OQ), Marsh Hawk 10, Duck Hawk (N), Sparrow Hawk 15, Ruffed Grouse 5, R. Necked Pheasant, Virginia Rail 1 (J), Sora Rail, Florida Gallinule 6, Semi-palmated Plover 6 (EG), Killdeer 83, Black-bellied Plover 3 (G), Ruddy Turnstone 4 (G), Woodcock 1, (N), Wilson's Snipe 3, Upland Plover 5, Spotted Sandpiper 86, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellow-legs 16, Lesser Yellow-legs 5, Pectoral Sandpiper 2 (OQ), Least Sandpiper 41, Red-backed Sandpiper 2(S), Semi-palmated Sandpiper 26, Sanderling 5 (NT), Northern Phalarope(S), Herring Gull 212, Ringbilled gull 107, Bonaparte's Gull 1 (E), Forster's Tern 3 (D), Common Tern 311, Mourning Dove 164, 2 nests, Yellow-b. cuckoo 8, Black b. Cuckoo 25, Barn Owl 1 (K), Screech Owl 1 (I), Great Horned Owl (Schoelkopf Camp, Varysburg), Barred Owl 8 2N 4Y, (R), Night Hawk 3, Chimney Swift 113, Ruby-thr. Humming Bird 11, Belted Kingfisher 36, Flicker 177, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1 (P), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3 (E, J), Hairy Woodpecker 12, Downy Woodpecker 25, Kingbird 106, Crested Flycatcher 77, Phoebe 52, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 4 (B), Alder Flycatcher 6, Least Flycatcher 45, Wood Pewee 36, Prairie Horned Lark 14, Tree Swallow 23, Bank Swallow 1900, Rough-winged Swallow 240, Barn Swallow 214, Cliff Swallows (R), Purple Martin 480, Bl Jay 74, Crow 580, Black-capped Chickadee 52, White-breated Nuthatch 35, Red-br. Nuthatch , House Wren 111, Prairie Marsh Wren 12, Short-billed Marsh Wren 6 (H,S),Catbird 201, Br. Thrasher 13, Robin 1155, Wood Thrush 74, Olive-backed Thrush 15, Grey cheeked Thrush 1 (Q), Verry 56, Blue Bird 131, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher 2 (B), Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1 (B), Pipit 3 (E), Cedar Waxwing 12 (K,P),Mi. Shrike 1 (T), Starling 1200, Yellow-thr. Vireo 9, Blue Headed Vireo 3 (B,M), Red-eyed Vireo 109, Phila. Vireo 1 (B), Warbling Vireo 13, Black and White Warbler 11, Prothonotary Warbler 2 (R), Gl.-winged Warbler 18, (O,P,R), Blue-winged Warbler 2 (K,T) Tennessee Warbler 58, Nashville Warbler 10, Parula Warbler 7, Yellow Warbler 379, Magnolia Warbler 54, Cape May Warbler 9, Black-thr. Blue Warbler 38, Myrtle Warbler 34, Bl.-thr. Green Warbler 39, Cerulean Warbler 19, Blackburnian Warbler 46, Ch.-sided Warbler 48, Bay-br. Warbler 88, Black-poll Warbler 18, W. Palm. Warbler 2 (U), Ovenbird 93, N, 5E, N.W. Thrush 3, La. Water Thrush 3, Conn. Warbler 1(G,I) Mourning Warbler 3 (O,P) N. Y. Throat 126, Yel. Br. Chat 2 (G, K), Hooded Warbler 11, Wilson Warbler 6, T, G, O) Canada Warbler 27, R. Start 207, English Sparrow 1000 plus, Bobolink 260, Meadowlark 220, Redwing 675 (2N,4E) Orchard Oriole 5, (E,G), Balt. Oriole 308, Bronzed Grackle 249, Cowbird 254, Scarlet Tanager 69, Cardinal 11 (T,P,K,G,E,M), R. Br. Grossbeak 60, Ind. Bunting 81, Evening Grossbeak 1 (Miss Tuttle, Niagara Falls), Purple Finch 4 (NOS), Gold Finch 1400 plus (most numerous of all), R. E. Towhee 45, Savannah Sparrow 73, Grasshopper Sparrow 13, Henslow's Sparrow 15, Vesper 97, Sl.-Colored Junco 3 (K,M,), Chipping Sparrow 183, Field Sparrow 101, White-cr. Sparrow 29, Wh.-thr. Sparrow 12 Swamp Sparrow 31, Song Sparrow 567.

The day chosen for our census was rainy and cold. At no time did the sun shine. In the morning, the birds sang incessently, especially the Warblers, but remained in the tree tops where the dense foiliage made observation most difficult. Because of the war conditions, the observers confined their observations to a more limited area than in previous years. A census count of 176 species, exceed that of last by 2. This year's totaled 15,723 individuals and last year 15746. Of interest is the observation of the great horned owl by Donald Pause. At the Scout Camp At Varysburg, several crows chased the owl, who later turned the tables, to capture and consume one of his erstwhile pursuers, leaving only the beak and legs and some unswallowed feathers.

In compiling the census the leader has tried to give the proper credit for observations in the different territories. Any omissions along this line were done to simplify therecording of all the totals.

E. C. U.

NOTES

At the May 24th meeting, Alfred D. Wander and Ward Klepfer were notified of their election as Fellows. The citations were given by James Savage and Ray Verrill.

Records from the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club include:
Week ending May 22: Loon, Horned Grebe, Sanderling, Mockingbird, and Hermit Thrush
Week ending May 29: None of the above species reported, and no others which might not be expected to be found at this season.

The third record in our territory for the Yellow-headed Blackbird, comes through Mr. Beardslee, from West Batavia on route #33, on June 13th.

FUTURE EVENTS

MEETINGS:

June 24 Wed. 6:00 P.M. Beaver Island State Park
Outdoor Picnic, meet at the north end of the Park, on the West River, north of the Pavilion.

FIELD TRIPS:

Because of uncertain conditions, no field trips have been planned for this summer. Arrangements and discussion on this matter will be made at the next meeting on June 24th.

During the summer, members are asked to make as many observations of nesting birds in their back yards, summer homes and vacation spots, as they can.

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THE MONTH

June weather departed very little from normal except for precipitation, which totaled only .76 inches for the entire month as against a normal of 2.82 inches.

There were no periods of exceptionally high or low temperature, and a remarkable absence of high winds. The protracted drought affected bird nesting very little, as the preceding month was rather wet, with 1.39 inches falling on the 30th and 31st to give our swamp lands a good water level which lasted well into June. In addition, the warm spring had not only accelerated migration but nesting as well, so that marsh birds had for the most part completed their nidification before the dry weather could affect them seriously.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Baldpate	June 17	2 males	O O	(Mitchell)
Pintail	" 26 & 27		O O	(Ecklers)
Red-br. Merganser	" 24	1 male	Beaver Island	(Mitchell et al)
Bald Eagle	" 14	1 imm.	Lakeside	(Somerside)
European Partridge	May 25 - June 12 (F)		Franklinville	(Dean Amadon)
Semi-palmated Plover	" 11 (F)		Pt. Abino, Ont.	(Doyle)
Black Tern	Throughout June		OO	(Ecklers)
Screen Owl	June 4	1	OO	(Eckler)
	" 6	1	Delaware Park	(Mitchell)
Pileated Woodpecker	May 25 - June 12	1	Franklinville	(Dean Amadon)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	June 27	1	Emery Park	(Wild)
Acadian Flycatcher	June 12	1	O O	(Ecklers)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 18	1	Hamburg	(Wilson)
	" 30	1	Franklinville	(Dean Amadon)
	June 1	1	Forest Lawn	(Klepfer)
Cliff Swallow	May 30	30-40	Hamlet	(Verrill)
	" 25-June 12	12	Franklinville	(Dean Amadon)
	June 21		Colony at Springville	(Somerside)
	Regular during June		at Gainesville	(Mrs. E. V. Smith)
Brown Creeper	June 27 & 28		O O	(Ecklers)
Migrant Shrike	May 30	1	Lily Dale	(Verrill)
	June 14	1	Lakeside	(Somerside)
	" 21	1	Shelby	"
	" 21	1	Millersport	"
Tennessee Warbler	May 2 (F)	2	Jamestown	(Beal)
Myrtle Warbler	" 24 (L)	1	O O	(Ecklers)
Blackburnian Warbler	June 1 (L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Klepfer)
Blackpoll Warbler	May 28 (L)	1	Humboldt Park	(Thorpe)
W. Palm. Warbler	" 24 (L)	1	Ft. Nia. Reservation	(Somerside)

N. Yellow-throat	May 2 (F)	4	Jamestown (Beal
Yellow-br. Chat	June 1 and regularly since	1	Hamburg (Bourne)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	June 11 (F)	1	W Batavia (McNut rep. Beardslee)
Orchard Oriol	June 4	1	0 0 (Ecklers)
	" 27	1	Adult male (Every Park (Wild)
Cardinal	" 21	2	Ashford (Somerside)
Pine Siskin	May 19 (F)	3	Hamburg (Wilson)
White-cr. Sparrow	" 27 (L)	1	Canadian shore (Mrs. Hickman, Kelly, Smith)
White-thr. Sparrow	June 3 (L)	1	0 0 (Ecklers)

Total through May 31 - 231
New species during June 2
Total Year to July 1, 233

NESTING RECORDS

LEGEND: N-nest #E - eggs, Yn - young in nest, Yo - Young out of nest.

Pied-billed Grebe	June 10	N & at least 1E on small pond at Attica, N Y (Mitchell Terrest & al)
Gt. Blue Heron	May 30	5 YN 00 (Ecklers; June 10 Yn 00 (Ecklers)
Green Heron	June 6	Making Nest , June 12 N 4E , June 26 N 4E still 0 0 (Ecklers)
Least Bittern	" 7	N 0 0 (Ecklers)
Mallard	May 9	2 Broods Yo 12-18 ducklings, Lakeside (Summerside, Pintler) June 7, N 10E 0 0 (Ecklers) June 21 Yo 0 0 (Ecklers
Bl. Duck	June 12	15 YO; June21,10 YO; June 21,6 YO - 0 0 (Ecklers)
	" 7	7 Yo Gainesville (Mrs. E. V. Smith)
Blue-wing Teal	" 3	N 4E; June 20 2 Yo, 0 0 (Ecklers
Wood Duck	" 12	11 YO (0 0 (Ecklers)
	" 23	adult with 16 Yo 1-1/2 - 2 weeks old 0 0 (Mitchell
	" 30	Adult 9 Yo Riga (A. Ulrich)
Red-tailed Hawk	March 29	2 nests 0 0 (Ecklers)
	April 3	N. Holland (Verrill)
Red-shouldered Hawk	March 29	Newly-made nest 0 0 (Ecklers); April 12 1E in N mentioned above; April 25 3 E in same N; May 3 nest deserted 3E still there. May 24 eggs gone.
Sparrow Hakw	June 17	N 5E Sheridan Drive (Ecklers)
	" 23	4 Yn 1 Pipped egg Sheridan Drive (Ecklers)
Ruffed Grouse	May 26	N 13 E Franklinville (Dean Amadon) ; May 28th
Ruffed Grouse		N 13E still there; June 7 empty nest eggs hatched sometime previously Franklinville (Dean Amagon)
Pheasant	April 25	N 24E 0 0 (Madison rep. Ecklers); April 30 N 24E; destroyed.
Virginia Rail	June 7	Yo 0 0 (Ecklers)
Florida Gallinule	" 7	7 N 2-4-5-7-18 eggs 0 0; June 21 Yo 00 (Ecklers)
Coot	" 7	N 2 E 3 Yo 00; June 21 Yo 00 (Ecklers)
Killdeer	April 24	N 4E Parker Extension (Beardslee)
	June 9	Bird incubating 3 E by afternoon there were 4 - 4th being laid between 12:30 - 3 PM Franklinville(Amadon)
Woodcock	April 25	1 N 4E Java (James)
Spotted Sandpiper	May 30	N 4E ; June 10 N 4E ; June 13 N 4E 00 (Ecklers)
	June 19	N empty Yo about (Ecklers)
Black Tern	" 21	N 3E 0 0 (Ecklers)
Mourning Dove		Many nests reported ranging from April 5 N ready for Eggs, Lyndonville (W. D. Smith); June 27, N 2E East Aurora (Wild)
Black-billed Cuckoo	June 1	3 Yn 3-4 days old Franklinville (Dean Amadon)
Barred Owl		History of one Nest 40 ft. up in opencrotch 0 0 (Ecklers) April 5, N 2E; April 25 2E 1 pipped, April 26 1E - 1 Yn, April 30 2 Yn: May 3 1 had fallen out of nest - put it back same on May 16, May 30 2 had fallen out of nest, not yet able to fly.

Belted Kingfisher	June 20	Yo 0 0 (Ecklers
Flicker	"/ 17	N 5E Sheridan Drive (Ecklers) June 20 Yn same
Hairy Woodpecker	" 10	N 00 (Ecklers)
Downy Woodpecker	" 3	N In 00 (Ecklers); June 10 N Como Pk.(Outdoor meeting
	" 23	3 Yo Clarksburg (Dr. Mols)
	"" 26	Yo 0 0 (Ecklers)
Kingbird	May 24	Building Nest on old last year's nest 00; May 31 4E, June 10 4E, June 21 4 Yn, June 25 Young left nest 00 (Ecklers)
Crested Flycatcher	June 5	Building N Forest Lawn (Klepfer). June 10 N, 00,
	June 24	Yo 00 (Ecklers)
Phoebe	April 27	N Holland (Verrill)
	May 3	N 1st E Holland (Verrill)
	May 15	N, May 31 N 5E, June 14 5Yn, June 26 5 Yo 00 (Ecklers)
	June 15	3 Young left nest Clarksburg (Dr. Mols)
Alder Flycatcher	June 6	N 00 (Ecklers)
Tree Swallow	May 16	N 1E, May 28 N 5E, June 2 5 Yn, June 25, Young left nest 0 0 (Ecklers)
	May 3	still carrying feathers, May 7 4E, May 22 4 Yn, 00 (Ecklers)
	June 7	still feeding young in nest, June 10, 3 young left nest 3 PM, June 11, 4th young left nest 00(Ecklers)
Barn Swallow	June 8	Making N under bridge, June 12 N 5E, June 24 5 Yn 00
	June 26	N 5E 0 0 (Ecklers)
Cliff Swallow	May 16	N 00 (Ecklers); May 30 2 colonies 30-40 nests Hamlet (Verrill)
Black-capped Chickadee	June 15	feeding young out of nest, Bear Swamp (Hochmuth, rep. Thorpe)
	June 25	Yo 0 0 (Ecklers)
House Wren	May 10	N, May 31 4N, June 19 N 5E, 00 (Ecklers)
	June 23	3 YN 1E Clarksburn (Dr. Mols)
Prairie Marsh Wren	June 7	N 6E, June 21, Yn 00 (Ecklers)
	" 24	Feeding young in nest, Burntship Creek (Mitchell et al)
Catbird	May 31	N 4E 0 0 (Ecklers)
Brown Thrasher	" 31	N 4E Collins Centerx (Wild)
Robin		Many records
Veery	" 24	N 4E, May 30 N 5E, June 3 N 5E, bird on nest,
	June 6	Nest destroyed 0 0 (Ecklers)
Bluebird		Many records ranging from April 5. Began building nest Lyndonville (W. A. Smith); June 27 n 1E 0 0 (Ecklers
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	May 10	Building nest Lincoln Park (Herndon); May 17 N Lincoln Park; May 25 - nest destroyed (Mitchell); June Building New Nest (Verrill)
Cedar Waxwing	one nest:	June 5, N 5E, June 12 5 Yn 00 (Ecklers)
	Another "	June 6, started nest, June 10 Finished Nest, June 11 1E, June 12 2E, June 13 3E, June 14 4E, June 15 5E June 28 5 Yn - 00 (Ecklers)
Yellow-thr. Vireo	June 6	N, June 10 N 00 (Ecklers)
Red-eyed Vireo	June 1	N 1E Franklinville (Dean Amadon)
Prothonotary Warbler	Lay 31	2 N, June 4 N 5E, June 10, N 5E, June 25 Yo,00 (Ecklers)
Yellow Warbler		Many records from May 9 N 1Cowbird E Lakeside (Somerside, /Pintler)
	June 13	4 Yn 00 (Ecklers)
Ovenbird	May 17	N 5E Tonawanda Ind. Res. (Ulrichs, Brown)
	June 12	Yo 00 (Ecklers)
Mourning Warbler	June 28	N E. of Pleasant Beach, Ont. (Helen Dorman)
Redstart	June 3	N 4E, June 10 10 AM 3 YN, 12 noon 4 YN, June 13 Male feeds female who then feeds young, June 20 nest empty 0 0 (Ecklers)
Bobolink	June 12	Yn, June 20 Yn 0 0 (Ecklers)
Redwing		Many records. Ranging from May 17 2 N 4E, June 21 Yn 00 (Ecklers)
Baltimore Oriole	May 15	N, June 20 Yn 0 0 (Ecklers)
Bronzed Grackle	June 3	N 5E, June 10 5 Yn, June 21 5 Yn, June 26 Young left nest 0 0 (Ecklers)

Scarlet Tanager	June 5 N 00 (Ecklers); June 7 N (Female on nest) Franklinville, (Dean Amadon)
Rose-br. Grosbeak	June 4 N 4E, June 6 4 Yn, June 10 male feeding young, June 13 Both adults feeding young, June 20 Yo 00 (Ecklers)
Goldfinch	June 27 Building N Collecting fiber from frayed ends of rope on a hammock E.Aurora (Wild)
Red-eyed Towhee	June 1 2N 2E each Livingston Co. (E. N. Short
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 27 N 5E Monroe Co. (E. N. Short) (Probably 10 days incubation)
Vesper Sparrow	May 26 Yn 4-6 days old Franklinville (Dean Amadon)
Chipping Sparrow	May 8, carrying nesting material, May 15 nest completed, May 16 1E, May 17 2E, May 18 3E, May 19 4E, May 29 1E gone, May 31 3 Yn, June 7 Young left nest 00 (Ecklers)
Song Sparrow	May 29 N 2E, May 30 N 5E, May 31 nest washed out by storm 00 (Ecklers): June 10, N 4E Attica Nest Census(Mitchell Terres, et al) June 25 N 3E, 1 Cowbird E 0 0 (Ecklers)

COMMENTS on NESTING ACTIVITIES at OAK ORCHARD SWAMP

A very interesting letter from Harlan and Ruth Eckler reports changes noted over the past ten seasons at Oak Orchard, comparing 1942 in particular with other years. Excerpts: "Practically no warbler migration, and very few species stayed to nest. The Prothonotaries went far up the river, only two pairs being located nesting down river. There was a great increase in No. Water-thrushes and Veeries and the Yellow-throats were extremely abundant as compared with other years, a dozen within a short stretch of the river was merely typical of the whole area. Not a single rail, gallinule, or coot nested in the west marsh, but great numbers in the east marsh. Ducks not as numerous as in other years. Both cuckoos much more numerous. Tree, Barn, Bank, and Cliff Swallows all arrived on time, but only a few Tree and Barn Swallows remained to nest. Rose-br. Grosbeaks singing everywhere up and down the river - numbers considerably increased. Cedar Waxwings much more common, and more nests than ever before. Several new stations for Short-billed Marsh Wrens. Many trees down river attacked by an insect pest which has left them almost bare of leaves".

The writer urges our other observers to submit similar analyses of changes in our bird life. If all of us make a habit of giving our own individual impressions of migrant and resident species in respect to their relative abundance, we will add greatly to the interest and significance of our "PROTHONOTARY" records. Such observations as "Prairie Horned Larks much scarcer than formerly", "Never saw so many Brown Creepers", etc, will enable us to improve our analysis of "The Month" in each issue, and make it a very real contribution to the living history of our bird life.

C. S. B.

NOTES

At the meeting on May 27th, the Society elected as Honorary Members: George Guelf of Brockport, Ernest H. Short of Chili, Fred C. Hazelton of Leroy, John H. Schmahl of Hamburg and Cornelius F. Posson of Indianapolis. These members have given much to the ornithology in Western New York and have been very closely associated with the activities of our organization.

CORRECTION: In the June issue a record of the Yellow-headed Blackbird was credited to me, and the date was given as June 13. Credit should go to Mr. Earl C. McNutt, who found the bird a short distance west of Batavia on Route 33 (Genesee St.) on June 11. It was a male in full breeding plumage, and Mr. McNutt observed it closely at short range as it perched on a reed in a small marsh.

C. S. Beardslee

FIELD TRIP. Sunday July 26th - Canadian Shore. In conformity with the restrictions on gas and rubber, we will meet at the Canadian side of the Ferry landing for a short trip along the Canadian shore at 8:00 A.M.

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July was a month of even temperature. On only seven days did the mean depart more than four degrees from normal, and all of these days were from five to ten degrees "on the cool side." High for the month (83) was recorded on the 24th and 25 th, the only days on which the mercury reached 80. Precipitation in downtown was 2.42 inches ,as compared with a normal of 3.03 inches. Some portions of western New York ,however, were visited with rainfall far exceeding normal, notably the southern counties ,which on the 17th suffered one of the most severe cloudbursts in history, the resultant floods doing enormous damage. Bird life elsewhere was normally uneventful, except for the start of a good shore bird migration. City observers, conserving tires and with less free time for bird study, noted such humble happenings as the cessation of the Yellow warblers' songs during the middle two weeks, with feeble attempts at resumption during the final week of the month as molting was completed, and the unusual presence of Kingbirds in residental districts of Buffalo from the 24th of July well into August.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Double Crested Cormorant	July 19 (F) Near Sherkston, Ont. (Mitchell)
Semipalmated Plover	July 19 (F) " " " (Mitchell)
Black-bellied Plover	July 25 (25 Port Colbourne, Ont. (Mitchell)
Ruddy Turnstone	July 31 (F) Bertie Bay ,Ont. (Doyle &Murphy)
Wilson's Snipe	July 13 1 Dunlop Plant (Beardslee)
Hudsonian Curlew	July 14 (F) 1Beaver Island (Andrle)
" "	July 26 1-Pt. Abino,Ont.(Brockner, Thorpe, Andrle)
Solitary Sandpiper	July 26 (F) 2-Forest Lawn(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
W. Willet	July 31 (F) 1-Fuhrman Drive (Savage)
Gr. Yellow-legs	July 17 (F) 1-Ft. Erie,Ont. (Murphy-Doyle)
Lesser Yellow-legs	July 4 (F) 1- O.O. (Ecklers)
Knot	July 26 (F) 1- Pt. Colbourne, Ont. (Murphy-Doyle)
Pectoral Sandpiper	July 20 (F) 1- Mouth of Johnson's Creek (Summerside)
Least Sandpiper	July 4 (F) 1-O.O. (Ecklers)
Dowitcher	July 17 (F) 1- Ft. Erie,Ont.(Doyle,Murphy)
"	July 26 1- Rose's Pt.,Ont. (Brockner,Thorpe, Andrle)
Stilt Sandpiper	July 26 (F) 2-Crystal Beach,Ont.(Brockner,Thorpe, Andrle)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 17 (F) Canadian Shore.(Murphy,Doyle)
Sanderling	July 17 (F) 3- Waverly Beach,Ont.(Doyle ,Murphy)
Pileated Woodpecker	July 11 1- Emery Park (Mitchell,Wild)
Hermit Thrush	July 3 1- Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
" "	July 28 (still singing) Gainesville (Mrs. E.V. Smith)

Prothonotary Warbler	July 25 (L) O.O. (Ecklers)
Bl. Throatedgreen Warbler	July 3 Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
" " "	July 5 O.O. (Ecklers)
" " "	July 20 1-Protection (Beardslee)
Cerulean Warbler	July 5 O.O. (Ecklers)
" "	July 26 3- Pt. Abino,Ont. (Brockner,Thorpe,Andrle)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	July 3 1-Gainesville (Mrs.E.V.Smith)
" " "	July 11 1- Emery Park(Mitchell,Wild)
Louisiana Waterthrush	July 5 4- Clarkesburg,(Dr.Mols)
Mourning Warbler	July 5 O.O.(Ecklers)
" "	July 11 1-Emery Park (Mitchell,Wild)
Hooded Warbler	July 5 O.O.(Ecklers)
" "	July 11 1-Emery Park (Mitchell, Wild)
Canada Warbler	July 5 O.O. (Ecklers)
" "	July 20 1- Pro tection (Beardslee)

ADDITIONAL NESTING RECORDS

LEGEND: N-nest,#E- eggs , Yn- young in nest , Yo- Young out of nest.

Green Heron	June 28 N4E O.O. (Ecklers)
	July 4 4 eggs thrown to ground & broken
Sparrow Hawk	June 26 5Yn Sheridan Drive (Ecklers)
	July 7 4Yn " " "
	July 18 3Yn " " "
Killdeer	July 26 2Young approx. 1 wk. old. Erie Beach,Ont. (Brockner, Thorpe, Andrle)
Spotted Sandpiper	July 5 Young 2 wk's old,Rose Hill,Ont.(Mitchell)
Black Tern	July 5 N3E-Adults incubating.O-O. (Ecklers)
" "	July 11 nest destroyed- no terns about.
Yellow bellied Sapsucker	July 11 nearly full grown young. Emery Park. (Mitchell,Wild)
Hairy Woodpecker	July 11 nearly full grown young. Emery Park. (Mitchell,Wild)
Barn Swallow	July 5 Yn Alleghany St. Pk. (Beardslee)
White-breasted Nuthatch	May 3 Started nesting in bird box made to blue-
bird specifications	4'-5' from ground. Ellicott Creek out Genesee St.
(Anna Shulz)	May 18 adult feeding 4 Yn in nest.
House Wren	July 5 Yn in anandoned barn swallow's nest! Alleghany State Park.(Beardslee)
" "	
" "	July 12 5Yn - O.O.(Ecklers)
Cedarwaxwing	July 5 5Yn O.O. (Ecklers)
" "	July 11 Both adults feeding young in nest.
	July 12 Young left nest
Cerulean Warbler	July 26 1Yo Pt. Abino,Ont.(Brockner,Thorpe,Andrle)
Rosebreasted Grosbeak	July 11 2Yo O.O. (Ecklers)

NOTES

Reports from Wm.L.G.Edson of Rochester for July include Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cardinal, and many shorebirds toward the end of the month,including Baird's,White-rumped and Western Sandpipers, also Sanderlings.

The Bulletin of New England bird Life reports an early and successful breeding season for land birds, but a poor early nesting season in the tern colonies. The return of several species of shore birds such as Least Sandpipers, Dowitchers and Lesser Yellowlegs as early as June 26th. was unusually early. A Golden Eagle at Chilmack and Black Skimmers at Chatham were unusual records, while a Lawrence's Warbler,probably a female ,feeding nestlings in a territory where a male Goldenwinged warbler had been singing,is noteworthy.

In the Cardinal for July is an excellent article on "The Cardinal:The Bird Itself"by Bagard H. Christy. It is recommended to all who wish to learn

lore about this interesting bird. In the same issue an article by Mr. Christy and Maurice Brooks on the Sutton's Warbler is also of great interest. A male bird was seen by them on May 21,1942,in the same general locality where Mr. Haller's specimen had been taken three years before.

Dr. Gordon M. Meade has sent us a reprint from the Massachuesetts Audubon Society Bulletin of his article on "Some Late Summer Birds of Nantucket". Beside notes on 105 species observed ,including a Yellow-headed Blackbird and Arkansas Kingbird,he describes the best "birding" areas he found on the island. One visiting Nantucket at this season should not fail to secure a copy of this interesting article .

Of interest is the report through Howard Fischer of a BobWhite on James Street, Tonawanda,N.Y. Mr. Herbert Freas observed the bird for three days, around July 22nd. The bird was tame and allowed close observation.

H.D.Mitchell.

FUTURE EVENTS

Because of tire rationing,the program committee has given much thought to our outdoor activities. For our first outdoor meeting of the year they have choosen Lincoln Park. The Kenmore Bus line passes within three quarters of a mile of the park. The bus stop at the street nearest Englewood Ave. to the west gives nearest access to the park. Meet at caretaker's house near entrance. Another innovation will be a field trip to Buckhorn Island State Park at the north end of Grand Island on Sunday Sept. 13th. Meet at the river bank under the bridge in the park. Two bus lines provide close approach to this place. Bring lunch. Time 8:30 A.M. Whether we will continue to attempt outdoor meetings and field trips depends upon the attendance at these meetings.

E.C.U.

Field Trip . Sunday September 13th.-8:30 A.M. Buckhorn Island State Park
Meet under the bridge in the park.

Meetings. Lincoln Park-6P.M. Meet at entrance near caretaker's house.
Bring supper.

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In one respect August was a most unusual month. Just one year ago we reported a warbler wave on August 13th. and considered it "early." What are we to think then of August 1942 and the reports of many warblers in our parks as early as the third. In 1941, the movement immediately followed a period of cool weather, which was logically assigned as the cause, but late July of this year was above normal, and the first half of August averaged only two degrees below. We must be careful in interpreting this phenomenon. We can imagine nothing except weather which would be able to advance migration by two weeks, so with that in mind we go back to the spring and recall those extremely warm days lasting from April 23d. until May 5th. which actually did bring our May migrants two weeks ahead of schedule. We ask ourselves ,"If migration northward is advanced two weeks, would it not be logical to conclude that nesting would be completed that much earlier, and that as soon as that cycle is over , these birds would be ready to go south two weeks earlier." But such a conclusion would be dangerous, for it is contrary to all our knowledge. In the spring the warblers are at or near the end of their journey, and the urge to migrate has long been within them; weather conditions may (and often do) retard or accelerate their response. In the fall, on the other hand, we are dealing with the incipience of the migratory urge,and under normal weather conditions warblers would start south on the day that the urge reached a certain intensity. Under normal conditions this date would not vary, regardless of factors affecting the migration of the previous spring. Nothing would delay departure,and only cool weather would accelerate it, as happened in August 1941. It has been demonstrated pretty conclusively that the urge to migrate follows the calander rather than the almanac. All of this leaves us with our problem unsolved,for, theory or no theory, the warblers were here throughout the first half of the month. We are left with one possible interpretation. They were here , but they weren't migrating. They were present in our parks two weeks early because they had completed their nidification cycle two weeks early, and were responding to a normal wandering-for-food impulse (or call it a flocking instinct,which in modified form always characterizes warbler group movements),rather than to a fully developed migratory urge. Now let us analyze our records. We find in support of our theory that all of the early records are of birds which nested near-by. Species which nested considerably north of our territory did not arrive ahead of schedule to any appreciable extent, not as early as last year, when weather really did affect the migration. Weather throughout the month was too even to have any noticable effect on birds. This observer encountered no "waves" (further supporting the conclusion reached above), but found good birding each day he was able to be out. The temporary causeway built up-river from Goat Island at Niagara Falls formed a low water area in its lee, and here was an excellent concentration of shore birds. Water was high

elsewhere, but a very good migration of these waders was reported by all who sought them. An exception was the Least Sandpipper, which seemed unusually scarce.

C.S.B.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Loon	Aug.16 (F)	1	Mohawk Pt. Ont.(Brockner,Thorpe)
Double-crested Cormorant	Aug.24	1	Pt. Abino,Ont. (E.W.Jameson Jr.)
American Egret	Aug.1,2 (F)	1	O.O. Ecklers)
Canada Goose	Aug. 14 (F)	25	flying S.W.in V formation over Buffalo (Mr. A.F.Andrle Sr.)
	Aug.23	40	flying over BlackCreek,Tonawanda (rep. by friend of Thorpe)
Green-winged Teal	Aug.30	1	Burntship Creek (Savage, Mitchell)
American Merganser	Aug.30	1	Pt. Abino,Ont. (Brockner)
Red-breasted Merganser	Aug.16	1	Canadian Shore (Brockner, Thorpe)
Bald Eagle	Aug. 6 and previous	2	at Lakeside- one approaching mature plumage (Somerside)
Marsh Hawk	Aug.11	1	Forest Lawn Cem.(Mrs. F.G.Smith,Andrle)
Ruddy Turnstone	Aug.8	2	Erie Beach,Ont. (Thorpe)
	9	1	Rose Hill,Ont. (Mitchell)
	16	6	Yacht Harbor,Ont. (Brockner,Thorpe)
Hudsonian Curlew	Aug.17	1	Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Upland Plover	Aug. 19 (L)	1	Crittenden (Mitchell)
Dowitcher (Subsp.?)	Aug.30	1	Yacht Harbor, Ont.(Brockner)
Long-billed Dowitcher	Aug.27,28 (F)	1	Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
	30	1	" " (Savage,Mitchell)
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug. 16	2	Yacht Harbor, Ont (Brockner,Thorpe)
Western Sandpiper	Aug.1 (F)	5	Crystal Beach,Ont (Bert Wright)
	Aug.16	1	Yacht Harbor,Ont. (Brockner,Thorpe)
	Aug.30	1	Crystal Beach ,Ont.(Brockner)
Franklin's Gull	Aug.28 (F)	1	Nia.Falls (Beardslee)
Forster's Tern	Aug.19 (F)	2	Nia,Falls (Beardslee)
Caspian Tern	Aug.24 (F)	1	Pt. Abino, Ont. (E.W.Jameson Jr.)
Pileated Woodpecker	Aug.25	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Aug.4(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs .F.G.Smith)
	Aug.17	1	Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
	Aug.26	1	Del. Park (Mitchell)
	Aug. 30	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Klepfer)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Aug.18 (F)	2	Forest Lawn Cem. (Klepfer)
	30	1	" " " "
Olive-back Thrush	Aug.14 (F)	1	Lincoln Pk. (Andrle)
	18	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Klepfer)
Veery	Aug.22	1	Del. Park (Brockner)
	24	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Bluebird	Aug.27	Feeding young in nest(3d.brood) Castile,N.Y. (Mary Thompson)	
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	Aug.14,15	1	Lincoln Park (Andrle)
	17	3	" " (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
	25	1	" " (Andrle)
Black and White Warbler	Aug.5	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Tennessee Warbler	Aug.24,	1	Canadian Shore (Mrs.Mansfield , Mrs . Hickman)
	26	1	Del. Park (Mitchell)
Nashville Warbler	Aug,14	1	Lincoln Park (Andrle)
	17	1	Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Parula Warbler	Aug. 25	1	Tonawanda (Mitchell)
	26	1	Delaware Park (")
Magnolia Warbler	Aug.5	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs.F.G.Smith)
	11	2	" " " (Andrle)

Cape May Warbler	Aug.17	3
	17	2 Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Black -throated Blue Warbler	Aug.17	1 Forest Lawn Cem.(Mrs.F.G.Smith,Andrle)
	18	1 Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Black-throated Green Warbler	Aug. 4	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Klepfer)
Blackburnian Warbler	Aug.6	1 " " "(Mrs.F.G.Smith)
	11	1 Lakeside (Somerside)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Aug.11	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
	17	1 " " " (" "" " , Andrle)
Bay-breasted Warbler	Aug.4	1 Nia. Falls (Mitchell)
	11	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Blackpoll Warbler	Aug.24	1 " " " (Andrle)
	27	1 Cabadian shore (Mrs. Hickman,Mrs Mansfield)
W. Palm Warbler	Aug.24	1 Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Ovenbird	Aug. 14	1 Canadian shore (Mrs. Hickman, Mrs.Mansfield
	17	1 Lincoln Park (Andrle)
No. Water Thrush	July 31	1 Forest Lawn Cem.(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
La. Water Thrush	Aug. 6	1 Nia. Falls (Rogerson)
	27	1 Forest Lawn (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Mourning Warbler	Aug.3	1 Delaware Park (Thorpe)
Hooded Warbler	Aug.6,7	1 Medina (Somerside)
Wilson's Warbler	Aug.17	2 adults feeding 4Yn. Eden,N.Y.(Andrle)
	21	1 Goat Island (Mitchell)
Canada Warbler	Aug5	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
	11	1 Forest Lawn Cem.(Mrs.F.G.Smith)
Goldfinch	A ug.28	1 " " " (Andrle)
	30	3 Yn. Gainesville,N.Y. (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Grasshopper Sparrow	Aug.30 (L)	Yo. " " " " " "
		2 Gainesville,N.Y. (Mrs.E.V.Smith)

Total July 31st.	238
New for August	5
Total for year to Aug. 31	243

(Am. Egret, L.billed Dowitcher,Western
(Sandpiper, Franklin's Gull,Caspian Tern)

NOTES

Wheeler Rogerson , after scoring a "beat " on the early warbler movement from his own back yard sanctuary, writes that he and George Tuttle visited the Adirondacks in mid-August. Among the many birds seen were Goshawk,Pileated Woodpecker,Yellow-bellied Flycatcher,Olive-sided Flycatcher,Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Red Crossbill. The Crossbills sharpened their bills on the brick chimney of the cabin.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life (July) records Baird's Sandpiper, Black Skimmer (2 records), Saw-whet Owl , Red-headed Woodpecker, nesting (rare in New England),Fish Crow, Mockingbird ,and 20 Upland Plover at E. Corinth,Maine, including one unfledged young on July 26th.(extremely late).

Rochester records include: Week ending Sept. 4, Knot, Bairds Sandpiper, and Caspian Tern, Week ending Sept.11, Least Bittern,Osprey, Bob-white ,Red-breasted Nuthatch, Grey-checked Thrush, Cerulean Warbler, Myrtle Warbler (early), and Palm Warbler (early).

In order to maintain contact with the members of our organization during those uncertain times, the staff of the Prothonotary has allotted space in the publication for personal items. The editor will in the future publish any interesting bits of information about our members.

Having been reported missing after a"dog-fight" in which he and five companions successufully engaged ten Japanese fliers in combat in New Guinea, Lieut. Gerald Rogers returned to safety after ten days at an Allied base. Lieut. Rogers, a young member of our society , who lived in Hamburg took part in many of our field trips and before his enlistment in the army took the courde in ornithology at Cornel Univ. Our last previous information about was that he was ferrying planes

to the African Coast.

Bob Mansfield who joined the Marine Corps nearly two years ago, now as a Lieut Lieutenant is taking an active part in the campaign against our enemy in the Pacific Islands.

Because of a change in position , Dr. Lee Herndon has left Buffalo to make his home in Binghamton,N.Y. We shall miss Lee's active attendance and participation in all the activities of our society.

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The first meeting of the 42-43 year held on Sept. 9th. in Lincoln Park was one of the most enjoyable meetings ,warm enough to be comfortable andnot too many mosquitoes.Clark Beardslee gave an interesting talk on his experience with a Long-billed Dowitcher at Niagara Falls explaining how he concluded his bird was L.-billed Dowitcher instead of an Inland or Eastern Dowitcher. by giving the distinguishing characteristics of the three subspecies. Mr. Beardslee used as his references articles by Wm.Rowan in The Auk, Jan.1932 and by H.B.Conover in The Auk July 1941.Mr Beardslee's study of the Dowitcher shows us there is plenty of specific ornithological study close at home which we should catch up on during our period of limited gas and tires. A.E.U.

FUTURE EVENTS

Meeting Wed. Sept. 30th. at sixthirty (6:30P.M.)

Meet on the grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Park near the waterfowl lagoon. As the grounds close one half hour before dark, the meeting has been called for 6:30P.M. The meeting proper will be held on the second floor of the administration building. Late comers can use the north gate on Colvin Ave. Plans for the coming duck census will be discussed at this meeting.

Meeting Wed. Oct.14th. at 8P.M. Humboldt Room,Buffalo Museum of Science.

Field Trips- Sunday Oct.11th Fall duck census- Mrs.E.C.Ulrich ,chairman.

All who wish to take part in this census must contact the chairman(Pa8896) for transportaion.

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The weather throughout the first fourteen days of September held very close to normal for the period. This was followed by a stretch of warm weather climaxed with an 82 degrees (87 degrees at airport) on the 17th. The final eleven days were consistently cold ,with a low of 37 degrees on the 28th. Inasmuch as this is only two degrees above the all-time low for September, and since the mercury registered 31 degrees at the airport on the following day, it may be realized how unseasonably cold it was during this period. The effect on migratory birds was such as might be expected. Bird movement as a whole was normal during the first half,but the low temperature toward the month's end accelerated departure markedly. This observer found warblers ,vireos ,etc. scarcer during this period than in any late September in his memory. Shore birds also disappeared rapidly , and ducks began to appear in good numbers. The end of the month found the season advanced a week or more as compared to normal.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

(F) -1st. migrant (L)- last migrant

Double-crested Cormorant	Sept. 4	1 Pt. Abino, Ont. (Jameson Jr.)
	" 6	2 Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle,Murphy)
	" 23	1 Medina (Somerside)
Least Bittern	" 6 (L)	1 Sherkston, Ont. (Mitchell)
Turkey Vulture	-regular during September from Medina, Lakeside and Alabama (Somerside)	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Sept.6	17 Pt. Abino ,Ont. (Jameson Jr.)
Bald Eagle	" 5	1 Alabama (Sommerside)
	" 9	1 Medina "
	" 20	1 O.O. (Mitchell, Bert&Bart Wright)
	" 29&30	1Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle)
Osprey	" 5	1 Delaware Pk. Lake (Andrle)
	" 13(L)	1 back of Auto Club, Clarence,N.Y. (Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Duck Hawk	" 6 (F)	1 Sherkston, Ont. (Mitchell)
	" 29	1 Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle)
Pigeon Hawk	" 6 (F)	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
	" 7	1 Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Murphy, Doyle)
	" 13	1 Collins (Brockner)
Virginia Rail	" 9 (L)	1 O.O. (Beardslee)
Sora Rail	" 13 (L)	5 Buckhorn Is. (Andrle)
Golden Plover	" 17 (F)	1 Crystal Beach ,Ont. (Brockner)
	" 30	1Rockhouse Pt., Ont. (DOyle)

Ruddy Turnstone	Sept.	19 (L)	2	Thunder Bay,Ont. (Brockner)
Spotted Sandpiper	"	30 (L)	1	Crystal Beach, Ont. (Doyle)
Solitary "	"	13 (L)	1	Pond back Auto Club, Clarence,N.Y. (Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Knot	"	5	5	Erie Beach, Ont. (Bert Wright)
	"	6 (L)	2	" " " (Mitchell)
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	4 (F)	4	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
	"	5 & 8	1	Crystal Beach, Ont.(Bert Wright)
	"	11	2	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
Bairds Sandpiper	"	5 & 7	1	Crystal Beach, Ont. (Bert Wright)
	"	6	2	Sherkston, Ont. (Mitchell)
	"	6	2	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.(Doyle,Murphy)
	"	13	3	Erie Beach ,Ont. (Doyle, Murphy)
Least Sandpiper	"	17 (L)	1	Canadian Shore(Mrses.Mansfield,Hickman)
Red-backed Sandpiper	"	17 (F)		" " " " "
Western Sandpiper	"	13	3	Ft. Erie, Ont.(Murphy, Doyle)
Parasitic Jaeger	"	18 (F)	1	Lake Ontario north of Brockport (Guelf)
Glaucous Gull	"	18 (F)	1	" " " " " ".
Great Black.backed Gull	"	18 (F)	2	" " " " " ".
Black Tern	"	24 (L)	4	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	"	7 (L)	1	Lowbanks, Ont. Doyle, Murphy)
Black-billed Cuckoo	"	28 (L)	1	Long Beach,Ont. (Doyle)
Screech Owl	"	29	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle)
Great Horned Owl	"	6	2	Pt. Abino, Ont. (Jameson Jr.)
Barred Owl	"	14	1	Alabama (Somerside)
	"	20	1	O.O. (Mitchell,B & B Wright)
Short-eared Owl	"	30	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle)
Whip-poor-will	"	6 (L)	3	Pt. Abino, Ont. (Jameson Jr.)
Nighthawk	"	22 (L)	2	Buffalo (Murphy)
Chimney Swift	"	24 (L)	1	" "
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	"	23 (L)	1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
Pileated Woodpecker	"	1	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
	"	20	2	Emery Pk. (Avery)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	13 (F)	1	Delaware Pk. (Mitchell, Mrs. Dudley)
	"	13	1	Erie Beach ,Ont. (Doyle, Murphy)
Kingbird	"	7 (L)	6	Medina (Somerside)
Crested Flycatcher	"	14 (L)	1	Alabama "
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	"	1	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
	"	4	5	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
	"	15 (L)	1	Delaware Pk. (Brockner)
Alder Flycatcher	"	23 (L)	1	Medina (Somerside)
Least Flycatcher	"	19 (L)	1	Delaware Pk. (Mitchell)
Wood Pewee	"	19	1	" " (Andrle)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	"	4	1	Medina (Somerside)
	"	4&5	2	Forest Lawn Cem.(Andrle, Mrs.F.G. Smith,King)
	"	17 (L)	1	Canadian Shore(Mrses Mansfield,Hickman)
Rough-winged Swallow	"	28 (L)	20	foot Ferry St.,Bflo. (Doyle)
Bank Swallow	"	30 (L)	5	Rockhouse Pt. Ont. (Doyle)
Barn Swallow	"	13 (L)	1	Zoar Valley (Brockner)
	"	13	1	Buckhorn Is. (Andrle)
Cliff Swallow	"	1 (L)	2	Middleport (Somerside)
Purple Martin	"	17 (L)	1	Buffalo (Mitchell)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	17 (F)	1	Delaware Pk.(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Brown Creeper	"	7 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Winter Wren	"	19 (F)	1	Thunder Bay,Ont. (Brockner)
Hermit Thrush	"	2	1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
	"	4	1	Humboldt Pk. (Thorpe)
Grey-cheeked Thrush	"	15 (F)	6	Delaware Pk. (Brockner)
	"	23	2	Shelby (Somerside)
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	"	6	1	Lincoln Pk. (Eames)

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	Sept.	9		1	Lincoln Pk. (Andrle, Wiesnet)
	"	13		2	Crystal Beach, Ont.(Doyle, Murphy)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	19	(F)	1	Delaware Pk.(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	12	(F)	1	Medina (Somerside)
Migrant Shrike	"	1		1	" "
	"	6		1	Sherkston,Ont. (Mitchell)
Yellow-throated Vireo	"	23	(L)	1	Shelby (Somerside)
Blue-headed Vireo	"	7	(F)	1	Medina "
Red-eyed Vireo	"	30	(L)	1	Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
Philadelphia Vireo	"	23	(L)	1	Medina (Somerside)
Warbling Vireo	"	6	(L)	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Black & White Warbler	"	29	(L)	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle)
Worm-eating Warbler	"	4	(F)	1	Delaware Pk. (Eames)
Yellow Warbler	"	7	(L)	1	Medina (Somerside)
Blackburnian Warbler	"	15	(L)	4	Delaware Pk. (Brockner)
N.Yellow-throat	"	23	(L)	1	Medina (Somerside)
Canada Warbler	"	17	(L)	1	Delaware Pk. (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Bobolink	"	7	(L)	2	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont. (Doyle,Murphy)
Baltimore Oriole	"	4	(L)	1	Delaware Pk. (Mrs.F.G.Smith)
Rusty Blackbird	"	20	(F)	15	O.O.(Mitchell,B&B Wright)
Scarlet Tanager	"	14	(L)	1	Shelby (Somerside)
Cardinal	"	19		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
	"	20		1	East Aurora (Brockner)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	15	(L)	5	Delaware Pk. "
Indigo Bunting	"	13	(L)	1	Zoar Valley (Brockner)
Purple Finch	"	11		1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
	"	13		1	Forest Lawn (Brockner)
	"	28		1	Ridgeway, Ont. (Doyle)
Pine Siskin	"	7		4	Pt. Maitland,Ont. (Doyle,Murphy)
Slate-colored Junco	"	1	(F)	6	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
White-throated Sparrow	"	1	(F)	1	" " " " "

Total number of species to August 31st	243
New for the year in Sept.	4
Total at Sept. 30th.	247

Bird clubs in the pursuit of their hobby, at times meet with problems about birds, not usually in keeping with the major aims and purposes. These range all the way from questions about sick canaries to the solution of control of destruction of fruit by birds. Listed among these is the elimination of the nuisance caused by the flocking habits of gregarious birds.

Several times during the years , our club has met the latter problem. Once it pertained to a Black Crowned Night Heron colony. Another time flocks of Grackles, Martins, and Robins,roosting in a residential area presented a problem.

About three years ago the Night Herons nested in a small woodlot near a newly developing realty subdivision. Hundreds of nesting birds aroused the ire of the owner of the property,who, on the claim that they were destroying the trees, had secured a permit to destroy the heronry. Our club interceeded, and after, much argument ,had the owner's consent to leave the nesting birds alone until after nidification ,provided we removed the nests before the beginning of the next spring's nesting season. By the end of fall most of these nests had been removed or destroyed. The nests which survived the winter we took out of the trees the following spring.

There was much speculation whether our move would prevent the reestablishment of the nesting site, for we knew that once they started nesting ,the owner would resort to forceful means. Much to our relief the birds abandoned the property. A woodlot several miles distant had for a long time housed a heronry of Great Blue Herons. Here more than one hundred Black Crowned Night Herons built nests and are pursuing life unmolested. Where the remaining members of this colony

established themselves is unknown to us. Evidently not in the immediate vicinity.

The Martins, Grackles and Robins returned repeatedly to the same trees before the same houses for years in spite of water from fire hose and the explosion of aerial bombs. Why they chose these trees is unexplained, for they do not differ from hundreds of others in the vicinity which is exclusively residential with no immediately adjoining rural areas. In fact a park and cemetary within a mile offered much heavier shelter and cover. Many of the birds crossed these places to join their comrades at this roost.

Through the intercession of one of our members, a party of six equippedwith sling shots and coarse gravel made an aasault on the perches of the birds as they attempted to settle , giving them no respite until dark. Under the barrage of pebbles, the birds kept moving about in small groups and on the third night gave up the attempt and did not return.

In these two very diverse cases the methods accomplished the purposes and with very gratifying results. Contrary as it may seem , none of the pebbles hit any of the birds . Apparently the disturbance of the stones striking the twigs and leaves was the repelling force for as they struck the alarmed birds rose noisely and flew excitedly about, eventually leaving not to return for that year.

This year however the Martins, Grackles and Robins returned to the old roost, which shows that in this case t he cure was not permanent.

NOTES

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for August reports "an unusually early fall movement of both land and shore birds." Outstanding records include Wilson's Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Little Gull, Arkansas Kingbird, Mockingbird, Gnatcatcher, Blue Grosbeak amd Evening Grosbeak.

Excerpts from the records of the Rochester area include the following: Week of Sept.18th.- Migrant Shrike, Cardinal, and White-crowned Sparrow: Week of Sept. 25th.-Connecticut Warbler and Mourning Warbler. Week of Oct. 2nd.-Am. Scoter, Yellow.bellied Flycatcher, Pipit and Balt. Oriole.

Between his government duties Will Vaughan and his wife find time to do some birding around San Antonio, Texas.

Bob Mansfield travels so far and so fast that only his closest friends can keep track of him. Since the printing of the last Prothonotary , we have been informed of his promotion to Captaincy in the Marine Corp.

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings -Wednesday Oct. 14th--8:00P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Scienee
Annual meeting -- Election of officers. Report of Duck Census.

-Wednesday Oct. 28th--8:00 P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science.
Ray Verrill will tell of his banding experiences during the past summer at his Maine farm.

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THE MONTH

October ,usually characterized in western New York by much pleasant,bracing weather,was a disappointment this year. The first thirteen days offered a fair amount of sunshine , but of the last eighteen days ,rain and snow fell on fourteen. Temperature for the month was slightly above normal. Wind velocity reached 47 m.p.h. on the 22nd and 46 m.p.h. on the 27th. On the latter date a rather heavy fall of snow fell on the district south and south est of Buffalo,but while South Buffalo received several inches and Fuhrman, Drive was for a time impassable , Buffalo itself escaped the storm. The sky to the south was black ,and together with the high wind mentioned above, suggested to bird observers that possibly some unusual records might result. However , the wind, which was NW on the previous day , had shifted to the SW before attaining much velocity, and during the fall migration storms from this direction are not likely to bring rarities . At any rate ,nothing unusual was reported.

Noteworthy Records-- October

Holboell's Grebe	Oct.24	(f)	1 Lakeside (Somerside)
Green Heron	" 25	(L)	1 (recently Killed) (Somerside)
Bl.-Cr. Night Heron	" 25	(L)	1 Goat Is. (Thorpe)
Am. Bittern	" 25	(L)	1 (unable to fly -covered with oil) Hyde Park (Thorpe)
Whistling Swan	" 26	(F)	5 Castile (Mary Thompson)
Canada Goose	" 4		4 Wickwire Marsh (Seeber)
Gadwall	" 15		1 Burntship Creek (Beardslee)
Shoveller	" 29	(L)	4 Nia. Falls (Beardslee, Mitchell)
Am. Golden-eye	" 25	(F)	15 Lakeside (Somerside. MacDonnell)
Buffle-head	" 31		11 in one flock Lakeside (Somerside)
Ruddy Duck	Sept.28	(F)	6 Medina (Somerside)
	Oct. 7		3 Wickwire Marsh (Seeber)
	" 25		1 Hyde Park (Thorpe)
Turkey Vulture	Regularly reported from Shelby, Medina, and Lakeside during Oct. (Somerside);also O.O. on the 19th (Andrle)		
Brd.-winged Hawk	" 2	(L)	1 Lincoln Park (Andrle)
Rg.-legged Hawk	" 19	(F)	2 Johnson's Creek (Hochmuth)
Bald Eagle	"24,25th		1 Lakeside (Somerside, MacDonnell)
Osprey	" 20	(L)	1 Bflo Creek 1/2 mi. E. of Seneca St.(Hochmuth)
Duck Hawk	" 6	(L)	1 Dunkirk (Beardslee)
Semi-pal. Plover	" 15	(L)	2 Nia. Falls (Beardslee)
Bl.-bellied Plover	"21		3 " " (Beardslee, Mitchell)

Red-backed Sandpiper	Oct.	29		8	Nia. Falls (Beardslee, Mitchell)
Gr. Bl.-backed Gull	"	4		1	Lake Ont. (Dr. G. Meade)
Forster's Tern	"	3		2	Bird Is. (Mitchell)
	"	10		1	" " (Mitchell)
Short-eared Owl	"	12		1	Rock House Pt., Ont. (Doyle)
Chimney Swift	"	3	(L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Pileated Woodpecker	"	2		1	Ashford (Somerside)
House Wren	"	3	(L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Brown Thrasher	"	12	(L)	1	Lincoln Park (Andrle)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	30	(L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F.G. Smith)
Pipit	"	12		1	RockhHouse Pt. (Doyle)
Mig. Shrike	"	10	(I)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. Murphy)
Blue-headed Vireo	"	25	(L)	1	Del. Pk.(Mrs.F.G. Smith,Andrle)
Redeyed Vireo	"	25		1	" " (" " " ")
Orange-crnd. Warbler	"	1	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell)
	"	2		1	Lincoln Pk. (Andrle)
	"	8		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (MItchell)
	"	12	(L)	1	" " " (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Magnolia Warbler	"	24		1	Del. Pk. (Andrle)
	"	30	(L)	1	" " (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Cape May Warbler	"	10	(I)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Murphy)
Bl.-throated Gr. Warbler	"	17	(L)	2	" " " (Andrle)
Chest.-sided Warbler	"	17	(L)	1	" " " "
Blackpoll Warbler	"	25	(L)	1	Del. Pk. (Mrs.F.G.Smith)
Ovenbird	"	2	(L)	1	Lincoln Pk. (Andrle)
	"	"	"	1	Ashford (Somerside)
Kentucky Warbler	Sept	10	(F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.v. Smith) Also seen Sept. 11th& 13th same place.
N. Yellow-throat	Oct.	17	(L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Purple Finch	Regularly reported from various places (Many members)				
Field Sparrow	Oct.	28	(L)	1	Forest Lawn (Mitchell)
White-crowned Sparrow	"	2	(F)	1	Ashford (Somerside)
	"	24	(L)	2	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)

Total species reported to Oct. 1 ,1942	247
Additional for Sept.	1 (Kentucky Warbler)
New for year during Oct.	1 (Holboell's Grebe)
Total for the year to date	249

FALL DUCK CENSUS OCTOBER 11,1942

Leader--- Mrs. E.C.Ulrich

Territories and observers:

A--Waterport,Barker, Shelby, etc. -Sommerside
B--Hampton Brook,Hamburg -Creightons
C--Canadian Shore, Pt. Colborne to Pt. Maitland-- Murphy, Doyle
D--Chautauqua Lake --Beal
E--Nu Lake,Horseshoe Lake,LaGrange Lake, Lake Leroy -- Pixley
G--East Aurora, Glenwood,West Falls -- Winships
H--Grand Island ,south end --- Brockners,Thorpe,Pause
JGrand Island ,north end ---Ulrichs,Webster, Wiesnet
K--Niagara Falls --Beardslee
M-- Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, Lincoln Pk-- Klepfer
N--Oak Orchard Swamp -- Seeber
P--Canadian Shore, Ft. Erie to Pt. Colborne-- Mitchell, Mansfield, Hickman,Andrle
R--Bird Island -- " " " "
S-- Buffalo Harbor -- Savage
T--Braddock's Bay and vicinity -- Meade
U--Chestnut Ridge Park --Verrill

V--Dunkirk, Bear Lake, Cassadaga Lake etc.--W.F. Stanley, Schober, independently
W.--Lyndonville --Smith
X--Castile, Gainesville --Mrs. E.V.Smith, Mrs Thompson

Horned Grebe 17 F (A,P,V) ; Pied-billed Grebe 179 ; D.C.Cormorant 2 L (T); Great Blue Heron 35; Green Heron 1 L (M); Black-crowned Night Heron 8 ; Am Bittern 5; Mute Swan 9 (V); Canada Goose 102 (E,T); Mallard 187; Common & Red-legged Black Duck 910; Gadwall 4 F (D,N); Baldpate 374; Pintail 27; Green-winged Teal 12 (D); Blue-winged Teal 91 ; Shoveller 3 (K); Wood Duck 157; Redhead 38 F (D, S); Ring-necked Duck 12 F (D,E); Canvasback 6 F (S); Greater & Lesser Scaup 214; Bufflehead 2 F (E); Surf Scoter 1 F (E); Ruddy Duck 1 (D); Red-breasted Merganser 3 (P); Turkey Vulture 2 (E); Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 (A); Cooper's Hawk 3 (P,T); Red-tailed Hawk 10; Red-shouldered Hawk 3 (B,J); Bald Eagle 4 (A,C); Marsh Hawk 9; Osprey 2 (W); Sparrow Hawk 7; Ruffed Grouse 1 (B); Pheasant 179; Florida Gallinule 35 (D,30T,W); Coot 702 (190D,75J,400T); Semipalmated Plover 8 (A,K,P,T); Killdeer 281; Black-belliedPlover 29 (C,D,K,P); Spotted Sandpiper 2 L (B,V); Woodcock 1 L(J); Wilson's Snipe 23(A,20E,P,T); Greater Yellowlegs 10; Lesser Yellowlegs 33; Pectoral Sandpiper 1L (T); Red-backed Sandpiper 9 (C,K,P,T); Sanderling 36 L (C,T,V); Great Black-backed Gull 1 F (T); Herring Gull 225 ; Ring-billed Gull 704; Bonaparte's Gull 161; Forster's Tern 1 L (R); Common Tern 90; Black Tern 1 L(R); Mourning Dove 31; Screech Owl 2 (C,M); Short-eared Owl 1(C); Belted Kingfisher 26; Flicker 25; Pileated Woodpecker 1 (D); Red-bellied Woodpecker 1 (E); Hairy Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker61 ; Phoebe 5L (C,H,X); Prairie Horned Lark 145; Tree Swallow 1 L(H); Rough-winged Swallow 2 L (H); Blue Jay 57 ; Crow 604; Chickadee 124; White-breasted Nuthatch 45; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4 (C,P); Brown Creeper 25; Winter Wren 4 (D,M,P); Prairie Marsh wren 7 L (6J,T); Catbird 5 L; Robin 932; Wood Thrush 8 L (J,N,V); HermitThrush 35; Olive-backed Thrush 1 L(P); Bluebird 330; Golden-crowned Kinglet 260; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 73; Pipit 40 F(J); Starling 2681; Orange-crowned Warbler 1 (P); Nashville Warbler 4 L(P); Parula Warbler 1 L(M); Magnolia Warbler 1 (X); Black-throated Blue Warbler 1 L(J); Myrtle Warbler 263; Blackpoll Warbler 4 (J,P); Western Palm Warbler 4 L (J,P); English Sparrow 946; Meadowlark 37; Red-wing 1286; Rusty Blackbird 57; Bronzed Grackle 118; Cowbird 138; Purple Finch 7 (C,J); Goldfinch 249 ; Towhee 13; Savanna Sparrow 2 L (C); Vesper Sparrow 88; Junco 396; Tree Sparrow 16 F (G,H,J,X); Chipping Sparrow 32; Field Sparrow 14; [illegible] ; White-crowned Sparrow 16 (G*X); White-throated Sparrow 222; Fox Sparrow 2 (M); Swamp Sparrow 22; Song Sparrow 419; Snow Bunting 18 F (T); Birds unidentified 210.

F--First Migrant L-- Last migrant

Total 119 species, 15,107 individuals. This compares with 112 species , 20,781 individuals October 19, 1941 and 94 species, 19,240 individuals October 20,1940.

The 1942 census was held slightly earlier than usual, which led us to expect to find more shore birds and land birds and fewer ducks. Actually, land birds did very well for us, but shore birds were a disappointment, being few ,both,in species and total numbers. On the other hand, although winter ducks like Mergansers, Goldeneye and the Scaup- Canvasback-Redhead group were poorly represented, ducks in general were reported in good numbers considering the early date. Particularly encouraging was the showing of the Wood Duck.

NOTES

Records from the Burroughs -Audubon Nature Club of Rochester. Week ending Sept. 18: Baird's Sandpiper, Migrant Shrike, Cardinal, and White-crowned Sparrow (extremely early). Week ending Sept. 25: Least Sandpiper, Bank Swallow, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, and White-Crowned Sparrow(still early). Week ending Oct.2: American Scoter, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Bank Swallow(very Late), Pipit, Baltimore Oriole, and White-crowned Sparrow. Week ending Oct9: White-rumped Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Prairie Marsh Wren, Parula Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, N. Yellowthroat, Baltimore Oriole, and Pine Siskin. Week ending Oct. 16: Dbl-crested Cormorant, Green Heron, Bufflehead, Osprey, Gallinule, Olive-backed Thrush, Redstart, Tree Sparrow, and Snow Bunting. Week ending Oct. 23: Ruddy Turnstone, Spotted Sandpiper, and Baird's Sandpiper. Week ending Oct.30: Ruddy Turnstone, Redpoll ,Pine Siskin.

The June-July- August Bird Calendar of the Cleveland Bird Club is also acknowledged. In it we find the results of a six-month continuing Winter Duck Census, which is interesting to us on account of the great difference there is between their duck population and ours on the Niagara River.Of course, we have the advantage of continuously open water ,and after ice forms on Lake Erie, the Cleveland duck population is relatively small compared with ours. Over ten thousand Lesser Scaups were reported in late December before the freeze-up, while only one or two hundred remained for the winter. That this late December concentration was reported as composed entirely of "Lessers",with only 15 Ring-mecks, 1 Canvasback, no "Greaters", and no Redheads reported during the whole winter,seems incredible to us who are used to large mixed flocks. It also seems strange to us that Red-breasted Mergansers, though there were rarely over 100 present on any one day, rather consistently outnumbered the Golden-eye right through the coldest days of the winter. What a contrast between two cities as close as Cleveland and Buffalo! This continuing census,taken every week-end ,is a splended project, and one we would do well to copy when tires and gas are no longer rationed. The remainder of this always interesting bulletin includes a list of breeding species, several excellent breeding bird population studies, reports of the beginnings of the fall migration , and a list of rarities reported in recent years.

C.S.B.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life reported that conditions in September neither hurried nor retarded bird migration for that month , the birds passing through regularly and evenly. Of interest is the report of one observer who on Sept. 8th and 9th. saw a heavy night migration, at one time counting over 100 birds in a half hour. Warblers recorded were fewer both in individuals and species, with most of the birds gone by the latter part of Sept. Rarities for the month include Franklin's Gull, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and 4 Barn Owls.

E.C.U.

NOTES

Charles Crowson and Lawrence Doyle are in training for the air corps at Jackson Field ,South Carolina.

At the November 11th meeting, we had the unexpected privilege of seeing and hearing Capt. Robert Mansfield U.S. Marine Corps. He told of the birds and birding conditions in some of the Southern Pacific Islands from which he had just returned.

Future Events

Because of the nearness of Thanksgiving and the matter of gas and tire economy, no meeting will be held on the second Wednesday in November.

Meeting-- Wed. Dec. 9th. ----8P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Sciences.
Topic-- Plans for Christmas Census-- C.S.Beardslee - Leader.

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November was a continuation of the unpleasant October weather reported in our last issue. Rain and snow fell on tewnty-two of the thirty days, with the result that the woods and fields gave the appearance of a spring thaw,and to accentuate the resemblance ,the Clarence "sinks" were filled with water,just as on a day in mid-April . Temperature fluctuated greatly , but the mean for the month was very close to normal, and the only noticable result was to bring us rain on the warm days and snow on the cold days. Wind velocity reached 50 m.p.h. (with rain) on the 26th,55 m.p.h. (with rain) on the 12th,but these high winds ,all from the southwest ,had less effect on bird life than the gradual temperature drop,which for a normal November should be from 45 degrees on the first to 34 degrees on the 30th. This drop in mean temperature was rather closely followed in 1942, and the usual influx of gulls and winter ducks was noted as the mercury receded. Some land birds were almost impossibly late in leaving (see notes),but for the most part land birds were scarce at the month's end.

Noteworthy Records--November

Holboell's Grebe	Nov. 8	1 Lakeside	(Somerside)
Pied-billed Grebe	" 1 (L)	3 Buckhorn Is.	(Andrle,Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Double-crested Cormorant	Nov.15	1 Grand Is.	(Andrle)
American Bittern	Nov.22	Oil soaked bird at Hyde Pk. found dead	(Brockners, and Thorpe)
Snow Goose	" 6 (F)	7 Lakeside	(Somerside)
Gadwall	" 22	6 Burntship Creek	(Brockners, Thorpe)
Redhead	Oct.25	Lake Leroy	(Mrs.Pixley) First time observed there
Surf Scoter	Nov.7	3 Niagara Falls	(Mitchell)
	" 8	1 Lake Leroy	(Mrs. Pixley)
Ruddy Duck	" 8	11 " "	" "
	" 22	1 Niagara Falls	(Andrle)
Goshawk	" 1 (F)	1 Lincoln Pk.	(Seeber)
Bald Eagle	" 28	2 Imm. Waterport	(Somerside)
Coot	" 22 (L)	2 Burntship Creek	(Brockners, Thorpe)
Black-bellied Plover	" 7 (L)	2 Erie Beach ,Ont.	(Savage)
Greater Yellow-legs	" 7 (L)	1 Pt. Abino, Ont.	(Savage)
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 7 (L)	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	(Savage)
Snowy Owl	" 7 (F)	1 Goat Is.	(Mitchell)
	" 14	1 Bflo Airport	(Rep. Bflo. News)
	" 26	1 Starin Ave . N. of Kenmore Ave.	(Rep. Bflo. News)
Robin	" 15	1 Kenmore	(Beardslee)
	" 16	2 Shelby	(Somerside)

Hermit Thrush	Nov.	1	(L)	1	Delaware Pk (Andrle, Thorpe)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	1	(L)	4	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Red-eyed Vireo	"	1	(L)	1	Delaware Pk. (Thorpe)
Orange-crowned Warbler	"	1	(L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
Myrtle Warbler	"	8	(L)	1	" " " "
Vesper Sparrow	Oct.	21	(L)	6	Shadigee (Mrs. Pixley)
Chipping Sparrow	Nov.	1	(L)	5	Delaware Pk. (Thorpe)
White-throated Sparrow	"	1	(L)	2	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
				10	Alabama (Somerside)
Fox Sparrow	"	1	(L)	5	Forest Lawn Cem. (Andrle)
	"	1		2	Delaware Pk. (Thorpe)
	"	1		1	Lincoln Pk. (Klepfer)
Snow Bunting	"	7		11	Crystal Beach, Ont. (Savage)
	"	8		2	Evans Bay (Thorpe)

Total Species to Oct. 31st.	249	
New for November	1	(Snow Goose)
Total for year to date	250	

Where Do Birds Spend The Night ?

(From a letter of September 19, 1941 from Wheeler M. Rogerson of Niagara Falls)

" Had an amusing experience last night that I thought might interest you. We were watching the flock of white-throats, about 40, playing around the pool just as it was getting dark. A Brown Creeper flew to the dead cherry tree and started up the trunk, we thought looking for grubs, but he was really looking for a place to sleep. When he came to an indentation in the bark he pushed his head in as far as it would go, then snuggled himself into the opening, bracing himself with his tail, and though only twenty feet away ,we had to look hard to distinguish him from the bark. This morning I got up at 6:45 and was just in time to see him awaken , stretch himself,and start his day's work."

- Notes

Members wishing to study in more detail any of the local reports which are reviewed in these columns each month, should contact the Editor. These exchange organs are available to all our members. Available for observation are the Red Start(Brooks Bird Club of Wheeling ,W.Va.), Feathers (Schenectady Bird Club), Notes from the Burrough's,Audubon Nature Club (Rochester ,N.Y.),Bulletin of New England Bird Life and Bird Calandar of the Cleveland Bird Club.

The Oct.-Nov. number of the Redstart includes a preliminary list of the birds of Tomlinson Run State Park by E.R.Chandler, Park Naturalist.

John Crosby,recorded for the Toronto Ornithological Club, Sends us an extremely interesting report of unusual birds observed by our Ontario friends. A few of these records: Franklin's Gull (Port Credit), Carolina Wren (Toronto), Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Sunnyside), Golden Eagle (Don Valley), Black Gyrfalcon (Cedarvale), Mockingbird (Aurora) and Leconte's Sparrow (York Downs), all in October; and for the first half of November Red-eyed vireo (Lampton), Glaucous Gull (Sunnyside), Arctic Three.toed Woodpecker (Toronto), Red Crossbill (Highland Creek), and Common Brant (Sunnyside). In addition he reports records from George North of Hamilton: Hummingbird (Oct. 3), Chimney Swift (Oct.1),Lark Sparrow (Oct 19,Mrs. Spiers), Gannet (Nov. 3-8) and Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Oct.11). Toronto has had a remarkable influx of Little Gulls in August and September,as many as five individuals being seen on one day (Sept.14)

C.S.B.

There are also a number of reports of Snowy Owls from the Toronto area this fall and a Hawk Owl on Nov. 22. A Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Grackle were reported at Ancaster ,Ont. on Dec. 10 by Mr. & Mrs.Murray Spiers.

A mockingbird and a Robin have been paying daily visits to the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Hinegardner of 8449 N. Rivershore Drive on Cayuga Island, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life reports that in spite of many early migration records in Aug. and Sept. , the warm weather of October brought two record late dates for the state of Mass.vis: Redstart at Monomoy Oct 29 and at Cambridge Oct. 30,and Olivebacked Thrush on Outer Cape on Oct,29. Probably the best Ruddy Duck flight in fifty years was reported. At Cerbin Park ,N.H. several hundred woodcock were flushed in three hours on Oct. 21 and 22 by one observer, a remarkable flight indeed.

Birds observed in Rochester by Mr. Edson ,include Cardinal,Rusty Blackbird, Redpoll ,PineSiskin and Swamp Sparrow.

H. D. M.

Our Members in Service

Bill Vaughan now located in the vicinity of Philadelphia,Pa.
Richard Buchauer is in the Signal Corp, Australia
John M. Doyle ,Aviation cadet,Squadron A-4,Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

Note

We are pleased to say that the work and efforts of our member and friend Harold D. Mitchell have won him an honor and recognition . Recently he was elected to the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences.

Future Events

Meeting : Wed. Jan.13th.-8P.M.--Humboldt Room -Buffalo Museum of Sciences
Topic-- " The Bird Year ", Harold Mitchell and Clark Beardslee.

Meeting : Wed. -Jan.27th.-Humboldt Room -Buffalo Museum of Science
Program to be announced.

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December continued the pattern of the two previous months in being consistently stormy. Either rain or snow fell on twenty-six of the thirty-one days, total precipitation being 5.01 inches, which is 50 per cent above normal. The central fifteen days constituted a period of uninterrupted stormy weather with temperatures far below normal (minimum 7 degrees below zero on the 21st). High winds occurred on the 14th (52 m.P.H. with snow), 3d (54 m.p.h. with snow), and the 2nd (61 m.p.h. with snow). This severe weather sent Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls south earlier than usual, and such hardy land birds as Song and Swamp Sparrows, Meadowlarks, Redwings, Cowbirds, Robins, Mourning Doves, Cedar Waxwings, Goldfinches, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Flickers and Prairie Horned Larks were very hard to find. Our Christmas Census disclosed, in addition, an unusual scarcity of Chickadees and Kinglets, as well as a very poor showing for hawks and owls. In fact, the satisfactory total reported in the census was due to the finding of several rarities never recorded on a previous census (Killdeer, Tufted Titmouse, Mockingbird, Myrtle Warbler) and the fact that single individuals of no less than eleven species were ferreted out.

Noteworthy Records December

Horned Grebe	Dec	13 (L)	2	Nia. Falls	(Brockner, Thorpe)
Double-Crested Cormorant	"	11 (L)	1	Strawberry Is.	(")
Baldpate	"	10	1	Goat Is	(Mitchell, Beardslee)
*	"	13	4	" "	(Andrle, Filor, Pause)
Green-winged Teal	"	13	3	" "	(" " ")
* Pintail	"	10	1	" "	(Mitchell, Beardslee)
	"	13	12	" "	(Andrle, Filor, Pause)
White-winged Scoter	"	13	2	Nia. Falls	(Brockner, Thorpe)
	"	13	1	Goat Is.	(Andrle, Filor, Pause)
	"	27	1	Lakeside	(Somerside)
American Scoter	"	10 (F)	1	Goat Is.	(Mitchell, Beardslee)
Goshawk	"	13	1	Grand Is.	(Brockner, Thorpe)
Rough-legged Hawk	"	6	1	Millersport	(Somerside)
	"	9	1	Lockport	(Mitchell)
Marsh Hawk	"	10 (L)	1	Grand Is.	(Mitchell, Beardslee)
Purple Sandpiper	"	10 (F)	1	Goat Is.	(" ")
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Nov.	5 (L)	1	Batavia, N.Y.	(Mrs. Pixley)
Snowy Owl	Dec.	25	1	Tift St.	(Savage)
	"	27	1	Lakeside	(Somerside)
Belted Kingfisher	"	6	1	Del. Park	(Thorpe)
	"	8 (L)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Andrle)
Flicker	All during December		1	Derby	(H.H.Larkin)
Mockingbird	One on Dec. 6 and reguler during rest of Dec. in his backyard. Cayuga Island, Niagara Falls.				(W.S.Himegardner)

Robin	Several records of wintering individuals from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Brockport.		
Redwing	Dec	6	1 Erie Beach Ont. (Andrle, Filor)
Cowbird	"	6	2 Crescent Beach,Ont.(" , ")
	"	11	and regularly afterwards-1 Gainsville,N.Y. (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Pine Grosbeak	"	27 (F)	3 Lakeshore-no. of Brockport,N.Y.(Guelf)
Pine Siskin	"	10	Several at Holland(Mrs.Rainey rep. Miss James)
White-throated Sparrow	"	3	and daily thereafter-1 at feeding station at 63 Interpark,Buffalo,N.Y. (John Hedley)
Snow Bunting	"	25	2 Enormous flocks-Lakeshore no. of Brpckport (Guelf)
	"	27	1500-2000 Lakeside (Somerside)

Total Species to Nov.30	251
New for Dec.	2 (Am. Scoter,PineGrosbeak)
Total for year	253

Christmas Census December 27, 1942

Buffalo,N.Y. (Centering from Grand Island, Canadian and American Shore of Niagara River, Buffalo to Niagara Falls).

Fair ,with rain in late afternoon;ground bare;small lakes frozen; wind south and light;Temperature 37-40 degrees.

Leader, Clark S. Beardslee. Parties as follows:

A-- Grand Island,East side Ransom to Love, West side Whitehaven to Love.
Brockner,leader, Mr. & Mrs Findlay, Andrle.

B-- Niagara River,American shore; Buffalo to Niagara Falls.
Mitchell, leader, Pause, Filor, Potter, Reiller, Wiesnet,Himegardner,Rogerson.

C-- Buffalo Harbor and Niagara River , Canadian Shore, Fort Erie to Niagara Falls.
Savage,leader ,Hicks.

D-- Delaware Park and Forest Lawn Cem. Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith.

E-- Grand Island,north of Bedell and Ransom. Klepfer.

G-- Grand Island ,East side all south of Love,West side all south of Whitehaven.
Seeber,leader, Webster.

H-- Willoughby Marsh,Ont. Murphy

J-- Lincoln Park, Parker Ave.,Elm Lawn Cem. Beardslee

Results

Loon 1 (C),Gt.Blue Heron 3 (A,H), Mallard 10 (B,C,G,),Common & Red-legged Black Duck549, Pintail 1 (G),Redhead 22 (C),Canvasback 900, Greater & Lesser Scaup 8190, Golseneye 2295, Bufflehead 15 (C,G),OldSquaw 51, Am. Merganser 1457, Red-br-Merganser 16, Cooper's Hawk 1 (A),Red-tailed Hawk 5, Rough-legged Hawk 2 (A,C), Sparrow Hawk 20, Pheasant 375, Killdeer 1 (C), Glaucous Gull 2 (C),Gt.Black-backed Gull 77, Herring Gull 3180, Ring-billed Gull 14 (A,E),Bonaparte's Gull 29 (A,B,G), Mourning Dove 4 (H),Long-eared Owl 1 (J), Flicker 1 (G),Hairy Woodpecker 7, Downy Woodpecker 28, Blue Jay 4 (A), Crow 158, Chickadee 22, Tufted Titmouse 2 (G), White-breasted Nuthatch 15, Red-breasted Nuthatch 3 (G), Brown Creeper 9, Mockingbird1(B), Robin 1 (A), Golden-cr. Kinglet 5 (A,G),Starling 1700, Myrtle Warbler 1 (A), English Sparrow 703,Red-wing 2 (B), Cardinal 10 (A), Goldfinch 1 (A), Junco 8 (A,B), Tree Sparrow 114, White-thr. Sparrow 1 (B),Song Sparrow 2 (B,H), Snow Bunting 281 (A)

Total 52 species, 10,023 individuals.

** Notes**

" The Redstart " for December includes spring migration charts for both 1941 and 1942. West Virginia lacks the opportunities which we enjoy of observing water and shore birds, but comparisons of their land bird with ours reveals the presence of many species which we seldom or never see,as well as the surprising rarety of some birds which are common with us ,e.g.,Bobolinks.

Notes from the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club of Rochester.
Week ending Dec.4: Gadwall, Green-winged Teal,Red-breasted Nuthatch, Rusty Blackbird, Redpoll, Swamp Sparrow.
Week ending Dec.11: Goshawk, Robin, Northern Shrike, Red-wing,Cardinal,Purple Finch, Swamp Sparrow.

Lack of space prevents publishing the complete Christmas Census lists of our neighbors in Rochester and Hamilton. We give below excerps from each. In some cases the number of individuals rather than the rarity of the species has led us to include them:

Rochester (Dec.27). Great Blue Heron 1, Turkey Vulture 1, Herring Gull 760, Ring-billed Gull 220, Short-eared Owl 3, Prairie Horned Lark 2, Winter Wren 1, Cedar Waxwing 28, Meadowlark 1, Red-wing 2 , Cardinal 2, Purple Finch 4, Redpoll 15, Pine Siskin 6,Goldfinch 38, Swamp Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 9. Total 49 species,2575individuals.

Hamilton (Dec.20). Common Loon 1, Night Heron 1, Ring-necked Duck 2, White-winged Scoter 11, European Partridge 15, Glaucous Gull 1, Black-backed Gull 45, Herring Gull 600, Ring-billed Gull , none, Screech Owl 2, Horned Owl 8, Long-eared Owl 1, Kingfisher 1, Chickadee 204, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, Prairie MarshWren 1, Robin 6, Cedar Waxwing 77, Meadowlark 11, Red-wing 1,Cowbird 1, Cardinal 28, Purple Finch2, Redpoll 2, Goldfinch 61, Junco 356, Song Sparrow 12. Total 53 species, 5354 individuals.

TheChristmas Census of the Brodie Club at Toronto on Dec. 27 totalled 61 species and 13,302 individuals, including 7 species of Owls,6 Screech, 8 Gt. Horned ,3 Snowy, 1 Barred ,20 Long-eared, 17 Short-eared, and 2 Saw-whet. Noteworthy records were Loon ,Great Blue Heron, Hooded Merganser ,3 Flicker,47 Red-br. Nuthatch,3 Winter Wren, Carolina Wren, Northern Shrike, 6 Red-wing, cowbird,57 Card inal, 48 Purple Finch, 5 Redpoll, 23 Pine Siskin,and Red Crossbills(the only new species for the census), 2 White-th. Sparrow, 2 Swamp Sparrow, Juncoes numbered 340, while the 249 chickadees were considered "scarce". However this census covered a 25 mile radius. 39 Ring-billed Gulls, compared with 4944 Herring Gulls were reported.

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A second record of American Egret for 1942 ,not previously reported in the Prothonotary, is of an individual seen near the main road between Dunnville and Welland,Ont. in early August by James Savage

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Several unusually early fall records of the Myrtle Warbler, the first an adult male in full breeding plumage ,seen on Aug.4 in Delaware Park by Mrs. F.G.Smith,have been authenticated. This date is fully a month earlier than any previous record.

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Winter birds reported by the Toronto Ornithological Club include their first winter record of Field Sparrow (J.Crosby), a canada Jay in Toronto, and large numbers of Short-eared Owls. Records of Towhee,White-winged Crossbill, and several Pine-Grosbeak and kingfisher are particularly interesting.

H.D.M.

At the past two meetings ,the members present discussed the advisability of omitting one meeting a month for the duration of the war. Some argued that with two meetings the members would have two nights to choose from ,while others took the stand that one meeting would better serve the organization at this time. All agreed ,however, that on a matter of importance like this the opinion of the whole membership should be sought, and it was ,therfore ,suggested that a notice be placed in the Prothonotary to get the reaction of our society. The whole matter has been deferred until the meeting of February 10th. when definite action will bw taken. Members are asked to express themselves either at this meeting or by mail or phone to any officer of the society.

E.C.U.

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Field trips , as a group activity have been postponed until the latter part of February or early March. At that time ,trips will be arrainged which can meet the accomodations provided by the bus lines.

This should not deter the activities of individuals, who can find the time and have inclination, to spend what little leisure they may have on field observation.

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Future Events

Meeting- Jan.27th. Humboldt room . Buffalo Museum of Science.-8P.M.-Wed.
Topic--Hazelton Library Discussion

Meeting--Wed. Feb.10th.-Humboldt room. Buffalo Museum of Science-8 P.M.
Topic - Birds of western West Virginia---- Ed Seeber.

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At the Hayes lecture on Sunday ,February 14th at the Museum of Science Cleveland Grant will present "Adventures with American Birds and Big Game". Our members always enjoy his pictures and so with much anticipation we look forward to again seeing the results of Mr. Grant's skill and endeavor, as portrayed on the lecture platform and on the screen.

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January, 1943, like the months immediately preceding it, was cold and stormy. Mean temperature averaged 3.4 degrees below normal, and snow fell on every one of the first sixteen days. Yet only two days (21,22) offered temperatures below zero, and total snow fall was below normal. It seemed that every day set out to be a few degrees colder than it should be, and considerably gloomier than necessary (not a single "clear" day was recorded during the month.) It was this unusual consistency of winter weather, rather than any record-breaking cold snaps or storms, which characterized the month and seemed to have the greatest influence on bird life. The ground was completely covered throughout the month with snow which solidified with age and "wore out the toe-nails of the pheasants". The absence of bare ground postponed the arrival of migrant Prairie Horned Larks, and the cold, the frequent strong winds, and the sudden squalls of snow kept land birds from roaming as much as usual. Bonaparte's Gulls had left before the first of January, and Chickadees and Kinglets continued to be scarce. Feeding stations accounted for three rarities (Mockingbird, Hermit Thrush, White-throated Sparrows). Many of the other records of land birds were the result of diligent work by our observers, who are to be commended for their faithfulness in the face of adverse weather and war-time conservation measures.

Noteworthy Records-January

Loon	Jan. 1	1	Nia. Falls	(Andrle, Pause, Filor)
Holboell's Grebe	"		During a storm 1 landed in a street that parallels Canadaway Creek in Fredonia, N.Y.; Now a specimen in State Teachers College collection, Fredonia	(W.F. Stanley)
Black-crowned Night Heron	Jan. 3- 5		Nia. Falls	(Andrle, Pause, Filor)
Pintail	Jan. 3	1	" " " "	"
Redhead	" 3	1	Grand Is.	(Savage, Mitchell)
Canvasback	" 3	900	" " "	"
Bufflehead	" 3	8	Nia. River "	"
Old Squaw	" 3	10	Grand Is. "	"
Red.breasted Merganser	" 31		Niagara Falls	(Mr. & Mrs F.G.Smith)
Cooper's Hawk	" 16	1	Lincoln Pk.	(Andrle)
	" 30	1	Nia. Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 31	1	Grand Is.	(Thorpe)
Red-tailed Hawk		4	regularly reported from Grand Is.	
	" 31	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mitchell, Tilley)
Rough-legged Hawk	" 1	1	Grand Is.	(Bert Wright)
	" 3	1	" "	(Andrle, Pause, Filor)
Iceland Gull	" 25	1	Ohio Basin, Buffalo.	(Bert Wright)
Great Black.backed Gull	" 3	25	Grand Is.	(Savage, Mitchell)
Ring-billed Gull	" 3	1	" " "	"

Mourning Dove	Jan.	1	1 Grand Is. (Andrle,Pause,Filor, Hedley)
	"	3	1 " " (Mr. & Mrs. F.G. Smith)
Snowy Owl	"	11	1 Tift St. & Fuhrman Dr. Bflo. (Bert Wright)
	"	30	1 Northland & Fillmore Ave. (Pause)
Long -eared Owl	"	20	2 Forest Lawn Cem. (Filor)
Short-eared Owl	"	3	1 Grand Is. (Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Belted Kingfisher	"	6	1 Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Flicker	"	1	regular at Derby (H.H.Larkin)
	"	16	1 Crystal Beach ,Ont. (Murphy)
Hairy Woodpecker	"	5	1 regular at feeding station at Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Prairie Horned Lark	"	3	Several on Grand Is. (Thorpe, Almendinger, Pvt. Nathan)
	"	3	1 Grand Is. (Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Blue Jay	"	8&26--3&9	Gainesville (Mrs, E.V.Smith)
	"	16	2 Holland (Duttweiler)
Brown Creeper	"	24	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Mr. & Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Mockingbird	"	1	and regularly seen at Cayuga Is.,Nia. Falls for several weeks afterwards(B. Wright,Himegardner, and others)
Robin	"	6	1 Kenmore (Beardslee)
	"	26	1 " "
	"	31	1 Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell, Tilley)
	"	31	2 Grand Is. (Thorpe, Pause)
Hermit Thrush	"	28	1 regularly at feeding station of Mrs. Perry Cant, Eggertsville, (Mrs. Marison)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	1	1 Grand Is. (Andrle, Pause ,Filor,Hedley)
Northern Shrike	"	3	1 " " (Pause,Filor)
Meadowlark	"	1	2 " " " " " "
	"	3	2 " "(Thorpe, Almendinger, Pvt. Nathan)
Cardinal	"	1	4 ind. regularly reported from Grand Is.,Thorn thicket. 1 pair regularly seen at feeding station (Cant) Eggertsville (Madison)
	"	16	1 Pt. Abino,Ont. (Murphy)
	"	16	2 Holland (Duttweiler)
Purple Finch	"	13	2 Morris Ave.Bflo.,(Mrs. M. Klepfer)
Goldfinch	"	3	10 Grand Is. (Savage,Mitchell)
	"	3	" " (Mr. & Mrs.F.G.Smith)
Red-eyed Towhee	"	1	1 " " (Andrle, Pause, Filor, Hedley)
Slate-colored Junco	"	3	2 " " (Savage, Mitchell)
	"	3	2 Cayuga Is. (Andrle, Pause,Filor)
	"	3	Grand Is. Mr. &Mrs. E.G.Smith)
	"	16	Holland (Duttweiler)
White-throated Sparrow	"	1	and regularly seen all month at feeding station at 63 Interpark,Bflo.(Hedley,Filor) (Note:2nd White-throated Sparrow arrived and joined the 1st. one on Feb. 6th.)
Song Sparrow	"	3	1 Grand Is.(Thorpe, Almendinger, Pvt. Nathan)
	"	26	3 Niagara Falls (Beardslee)
Lapland Longspur			Regularly reported from Grand Is. Jan 1st. on. (many members) Flocks ranged from 100 to 200 ind.)
Snow Bunting	"		Regularly reported from GrandIs. in flocks of 25 to 1100. Small flocks reported from other localities such as Ridgeway, Ont.,Gainesville, Chafee, and Transit Rd. near Depew. (Many Members)

The following species ,reported throughout January,are not included in "NoteworthyRecords"since their occurance is not unusual: Mallard, Red-legged &Common Black Duck, Greater& Lesser Scaup, Golden-eye,American Merganser, Sparrow Hawk, Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse,Herring Gull, Downy Woodpecker,Crow,Black-capped Chickadee,

White-breasted Nuthatch, Starling, English Sparrow, and Tree Sparrow.

Total Species repprted January, 1943----58
January, 1942----65

Notes

Interesting records reported by the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club of Rochester include:

Week ending December 18: Little Gull, Robin, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and Goldfinch.

Week ending December 25: Pigeon Hawk(extremely unusual at this season), Robin, Meadowlark, Redpoll, Pine Siskin, and Red Crossbill.

Week ending January 1: Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Winter Wren, Robin, Red-wing, Purple Finch, Redpoll, Pine Siskin, and Swamp Sparrow.

Week ending January 8: Ring-billed Gull, Robin, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, and Swamp Sparrow.

Week ending January 15: Ring-billed Gull, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, Goldfinch, and Swamp Sparrow.

Week ending January 22: Ring-billed Gull, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, and Robin.

Week ending January 29: Hooded Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, and Swamp Sparrow.

Week ending February 5: Ring-billed Gull, Snowy Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin and Goldfinch.

Among the January records of the Toronto Ornithological Club are both the Arctic and the American Three-toed Woodpecker. We should also be on the watch for these very rare species in our Western New York territory during the severe winter. Very few of the northern finches are reported from Toronto, while wintering Kingfisher, Robin, Red-wings, Great Blue Heron, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets are noted, and 4 Bald Eagles were seen at Hamilton by our old friend George North.

Reports from New England for Decemder note a lack of northern finches, and Horned Larks with Brown Creepers and Red-breasted Nuthatches unusually scarce. Among the unusual records for December were Golden Eagle, Osprey, Laughing Gull, and Richardson's Owl. Least Flycatcher was reported at E. Windsor, Conn. on Dec. 14. A few Cardinal records and of a Tufted Titmouse in Conn. are noteworthy.

Mr. JA. Creighton reported 6 Whistling Swan on Lake Erie off Athol Springs on Nov. 10, 1942.

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Western New York

Although Western New York lies in the latitude of the Alleghanian Zone, birds of the Carolinian belt, as the Cardinal, Tufted Titmouse, Orchard Oriolae, Mockingbird, and a nesting colony of Prothonotary Warblers, occur regularly. Records of the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher are, however, few and exceptional.

Mr. E.H. Short had a record of a nest in an oak tree at Coldwater in Monroe Count, in June 1890. This nest had four eggs which were sucessfully hatched, Mr. Bergtold's list of 1889 contains a record, with no date, from Lancaster, N.Y.

Lack of observation may account for the gap in the records between that time and 1932 when, the bird was observed on May 11th to 17th at Lincoln Park just to the north of Buffalo.

Since then records have been intermittent from there and other places near Buffalo. In 1934 two records one on May 6-7 at Lincoln Park and May 20th along the American Shore of Lake Erie at Sturgeon Point.

In 1940 there is a record from Forest Lawn Cometary on May 5th and again from Lincoln Park on May 10th. On April 27th an early migrant was observed at Eighteen Mile Creek along the American Shore of Lake Erie.

The year 1942 held forth most promise of finding some definite information

about the establishment of this species as a permanent bird. From Lakeside on Lake Ontario come a record of two individuals on May 3rd. From May 10th to May 17th a pair of birds built a nest at Lincoln Park. Over-observation may have been at fault for by May 25th the nest had been destroyed. Later ,in June at the same place another nest was found. War activities curtailed observation during the summer,with the result that the development of these nesting activities were not closely followed and the outcome of this nest remains unknown. Although on Sept. 6th and 9th one individual was seen in the immediate locality of Lincoln Park.

Later observations for this year give a record on Sept. 13th at Crystal Beach, Ont. and on Oct.5th at Dunkirk,N.Y.

That the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher accepts this area as adaptable for his habitat may be assumed from the records of theirindividuals observed. Frank Chapman says,"He is a bird of strong character." The woods and other ecological conditions favor the establishment of the bird in this territory,but because of his diminutive size and rarity and choice of nesting habits , he may have eluded the bird student in Western New York. The records show that the bird regularly migrates into this area,but conclusive proof of permanency awaits a closer scrutiny of favorable habitat sites.

FUTURE EVENTS

Meeting- Wed.-Feb.24-8 P.M.-Humboldt Room- Buffalo Museum of Science
Birds at Home in New England---Heather Thorpe

Meeting-Wed. -Mar. 10-8 P.M.-Humboldt Room-Buffalo Museum of Science
Subject and speaker to be announced later.

Field Trips-Sunday Feb.28th. --leader-Robert Andrle
Meet Grand Island Bus that leaves Hertel and Niagara St. at 8:10A.M.

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THE MONTH

Feburary as a whole was not as severe as the two previous months, although it did have its bad points. In order to get a true picture of the month'sweather and its effects on the bird life, it is necessary to recall that January was consistently cold and stormy ,with the ground being completely covered with snow throughout.The first three days of Feburary provided a continuation of this severe weather,so that th e month started with land birds conspicuously hard to find unless the observer sought out the most protected thickets. On the first day of the month this observer had occasion to drive from Buffalo to Dunkirk and return . It was a cold and windy (54 m.p.h .),and the only nati ve species observed was the Herring Gull, a few of which were flying overhead,with others off the shore of Lake Erie, apparemtly searching (in vain) for open water. Not a Crow was observed,and no Larks or Buntings. Even though many stops were made at likely wooded spots and an ear strained for any trace of bird life,not a chip was heard. In many years of birding ,I do not recall as u nproductive a trip. From February fourth to tenth, the temperature was considerably above normal for a welcome change, and for the first time in many weeks the ground was bared. The effect on bird life was marked. By the ninth,Prairie Horned Larks, normally here by the last week of January finally put in their appearance in force,and were singing from likely clods in fields all over Western New York's lowlands;and wintering land birds like Juncos, Downy Woodpeckers, and even Robins ,had emerged from the thickets to visit more open country. Not for long, however,for winter returned with a vengeance . By the 13th the mercury h ad descended to 13 degrees below zero,and on the 14th it regi s-tered the winter's low of 16 below,with a mean for the day of 6 below, one of the coldest days in Buffalo's history. This wave persisted until the 18th,and again the land birds disappeared.It was followed by anot her mild spell,which melted the snow that had fallen during the cold weather of the mid-month. Spring seemed briefly in the air ,and Red-wings were reported at Gainesville. The month ended with cold weather, however,so that our field trip of the 28th,held during high wind (50m.p.h .) and snow (3.3 inches),was a severe test for the small group of the faithful who " endured it ",and resulted in a disappointing list. Possibly the most unusual record of the month was Brockner's report of a good-sized flock of Bonaparte's Gulls on the river. Where they could have come from and where they were bound in the middle of an unusually severe winter is a mistry, Of interest in this conection is the somewhat later report from Rochester, where, as in our own case,the species had not been reported for several weeks previous. There was a notable scarcity of Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs in contrast to January . Chickadees were still reported as scarce, though their numbers seemed to increase toward the month's end.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Black-crowned Night Heron	Feb. 5	6	Goat Island	(Beardslee)
	" 11	4	" "	"
	" 20	1	Forest Lawn	(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
	" 25	3	Goat Island	Beardslee,Mitchell)
Canada Goose	Jan 16(F)	30	River Road	(Brockner)
Pintail	Feb.24	21	Newstead Sinks	(Savage)
Ring-necked Duck	" 21	1	Riverside Park	(Pause,Filor)
Cooper's Hawk	" 9	1	Getzville	(Somerside)
	" 10	1	Main & Utica	(Murphy)
	" 16	1	Amherst	(Beardslee)
Red-tailed Hawk	" 28	3	Clarence	(Webster)
		also reported from Grand Island ,regularly.		
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan.29	1	Millersport	(SOmerside)
	Feb. 9	2	" ,1 Amherst	(Somerside)
	" 16	1	"	(Beardslee)
Bald Eagle	" 24 (F)	1	East of Clarence	(Savage)
Marsh Hawk	" 13 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Anderle)
		1	Gainesville	(E.V. Smiths)
Ruffed Grouse	Jan.16(F)	1	Holland	(Duttweiler)
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 13(F)	1	Ohio Basin	(Wright)
Bonaparte's Gull	" 4,5 (F)	125-200	River Road opposite Chevrolet Plant	(Brockner)
Great Horned Owl	(occasional during Feb. at Leroy by Hazelton)			
Snowy Owl	" 4,5	1	Buffalo Harbor	(Savage)
Belted Kingfisher	Jan.16	1	Holland	(Duttweiler)
	Feb.10	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Flicker	Feb. 6	1	Ashland Ave.	(Facklam)
	" 24	1	Fredonia	(W.Stanley)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Daily at feeding station ,Leroy			(Hazelton)
Prairie Horned Lark	(first migrants)			
	Feb. 9	6	Lockport Rd.	(Mitchell)
	" 9	2	Kenmore	(Beardslee)
	" 12	10	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 16	5	Millersport	(Somerside)
Brown Creeper	" 3	1	Medina	(Somerside)
	" 25	6	Goat Island	(Mitchell, Beardslee)
	" 28	1	Forest Lawn	(Brockner)
Mockingbird	" 12	1	regular at feeding station at Himegardners'	(Mitchell)
Robin	" 4	1	reported by Medina Tribune	(Somerside)
	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
	" 8	1	Canisius College	(Murphy)
	" 25	1	Grand Island	(Booth,rep. Beardslee)
Hermit Thrush	" 7 and until about 13th.	1	Eggertsville	(Madison)
Red-wing	" 25	2	Gainesville	(E.V.S miths)
Cardinal	throughout Feb. 1 and 2, Fredonia			(Stanley)
White-throated Sparrow	Feb.6	2nd white-throat joined first one at feeding station 63 Interpark		(Hedley)
Snow Bunting	" 5	200	Gainesville	(EV.S miths)

Additional species for January	--	2
New " " February	--	7
Total 1943 to date	--	65 species.

NOTES

-- Unusual observations by the Burroughs -Audubon Nature Club of Rochester include:

Week ending February 12: Red-shouldered Hawk, Red.breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Robin, Cardinal, Goldfinch and Song Sparrow.

Week ending February 19: Short-eared Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwing, and Song Sparrow.

Week ending February 26: Horned Grebe, Lesser Scaup, Bonaparte's Gull, Mourning Dove, Short-eared Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Red-wing, Purple Finch, Song Sparrow, and Snow Bunting. We wonder about the Bonaparte's Gull record. Rochester observers had not reported the species previously this year, and it is much too early for spring migrants. Moreover, wintering individuals are extreme rarities, and hitherto have been confined to very mild winters, which this winter was definitely not. C.S.B.

A letter received from our good friend Fred Hazelton of Leroy mentions how much he has missed the usual winter visit of our members. The Red-bellied Woodpecker comes daily to his feeding station, while Chickadees perch on his cap and eat out of the dish in which he carries food to them. He often hears a pair of Great Horned Owls calling in his woods. Mr. Hazelton also stated that he noted in the Prothonotary that a recent meeting was given over to a discussion of his library, and expressed the wish that he might have listened in on our deliberations. It will please him if any members can arrange to call at his home in Leroy whenever they may be in that vicinity.

Reports from John Crosby of Toronto ornithological activities include record of a Killdeer seen Feb.13 and found dead Feb.20, after the severe cold wave. Two Oregon Juncoes, "probably of the Montana Race", were collected at Barrie, Ont, by Messers Brerrington and Shortt about the middle of Feburary. There has been a second year Kumlien's Gull at Sunnyside, Toronto, seen by many observers, and an adult seen at the same place by Bob Saca on Feb.21.

H.D.B.

BIRD BANDING RECORDS

Thirteen years ago, Ray Verrill banded his first bird on his farm at Richmond, Maine, where he regularly spends his summers. At that place and at Holland New York during the other seasons, he has since handled 1522 birds, most of which were sparrows, who totaled 1018.

In 1942, he caught eighteen species, totaling two hundred and thirtytwo individuals, one hundred and sixtysix in Maine and sixtysix at Holland in the following proportions:

Downy Woodpecker-2, Holland; Tree Swallow-4, Maine; Black-capped Chickadee-2, Maine, 4, Holland; Robin-2, Maine; Hermit Thrush-1, Maine; Cape May Warbler-1, Maine; Black-throated Green Warbler-4, Maine; Northern Yellow -throat-12, Maine; Redstart-1, Maine; Savannah Sparrow-9, Maine; Vesper Sparrow-4, Maine; Slate-colored Junco-21, Holland; Tree Sparrow-1, Maine, 27, Holland; Chipping Sparrow-32, Maine; Field Sparrow-3, Maine; 1, Holland; White-throated Sparrow-3, Maine; Fox Sparrow-3, Holland; Song Sparrow -87, Maine-8, Holland.

Listed are some of the records of repeats and returns for 1942.

Out of nine individualsSavannah Sparrows trapped, one repeated 3 times, one once, while seven did not repeat.

21 out of 32 Chipping Sparrows did not repeat, 4 repeated once, 4 twice, 1 four times, 1 eleven times and 1 sixteen times.

3 out of 12 Northern Yellow-throats repeated, 1once, 1 six times and 1 seven times.

Each of the 4 Vesper Sparrows repeated, 1 once, 1 twice, 1 three and 1 six times.

Of the Song Sparrows trapped 32 out of 87 did not repeat. 17 repeated once, 8 twice, 7 three times, 4 four times, 3 five times, 2 six times, 2 seven times. 2 eight times, 2 nine times, 1 ten times, 3 twelve times, 1 thirteen times, 1 fifteentimes, and 1 thirtytwo times, from August 23rd to September15th. On three

days repeated 4 times,on two days 3 times and on 3 days twice.

At the Maine farm , a banded Flicker and Robin were seen in the yard.

A Northern Yellow-throat banded onJuly 14,1940 returned on July 1,1942 and repeated on July 18 and 22.

A banded Savannah Sparrow from August 23, 1939 returned on June 16th.,1940

A Chipping Sparrow banded on July 15th. 1939, repeated once that year and 8 times in the summer of 1941. He returned again on June 21st.,1942 and repeated on July 15 and 21. One from 1940 was trapped three times in 1941 and 7 times in 1942 from June 27 to July 25; another from 1940 returned to the trap 5 times in 1942 and a third bird from the same year came to the traps 8 times in 1942; a fifth Chipping Sparrow banded on Oct. 9,1941,returned on Aug. 18 and repeated on Aug.19.

Of two Song Sparrows banded in 1940,one repeated twice the same year,returned and repeated once in 1941 and in 1942 returned and repeated 8 times from June 26 to Aug.23. The other returned in 1941 and repeated 9 times from June 16 to July 31. After a return on Aug.1,the bird repeated 8 times, once on the 4th and 5th ,twice on the 6th.,and after skipping a day repeated for the next 3 consecutive days.

These are a few extracts from the records of the summer months in Maine.

In Sept. ,Mr. Verrill returns to Buffalo and does his trapping at Holland, N.Y. at which place the following records were made.

A Tree Sparrow banded Jan. 8,1940 returned on Mar. 16,1941 and again on Jan.5,1942. Another banded on Jan.7, 1941 returned on Jan.12,1942.

A Slate-colored Junco,banded on May5,1940 returned on Apr.19,1942. A second Junco banded on Jan.12,1941,returned on Janl2,1942.

A government sparrow trap bates with millet seeds and bread crumbs gave best results for sparrows. The Cohasset Water trap gave excellant results in dry weather with warblers and sparrows,irresistable in very dry weather. The Chardonneret, a two chambered trap, the bated drop trap, and net trap, all proved successful. The traps at the farm in Maine were continuously set and inspected from the middle of June until into Sept. while those at Holland were operated at irregular intervals over weekends. E.C.U.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trips: Sunday Apr.4--- Harris Hill Sinks- Meet at Main and Transit Rd. at 9 a.m.----- Use Williamsville bus.

Spring Duck Census:-- Sunday Apr. 11. War conditions will restrict the scope of our spring duck census, by confining the activities to the bus and transportation limits of the Buffalo area. Printed here are the territories and leaders of the local area. Beaver Island and East river to south bridge- Ed. Seeber; East river from the south bridge to and including thorn thicket, -Ward Klepfer; Buckhorn Island Park and north end of Stony Point Rd.-Heather Thorpe;Nice Rpad sinks-H. Mitchell; Harris Hill sinks-M. Wendling;Canadian Shore -R.Andrle

The leader seeks the benefits of any report of birds from out-of-town readers and members on that day. Send reports to E.C.Ulrich,193 La Salle Ave.,Buffalo. Pa.8896.

Meetings Wed.--Apr.14th. 8 p.m.-Humboldt rm.--Buffalo,Museum of Science.
Subject- Report of duck census.-- Birds of Florida-- Mrs.F. G. Smith
Wed.--Apr. 28th8p.m.-- Humboldt rm.--Buffalo Museum of Science
Subject- Birds of Navajo Land--- Mrs. Rosa.

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The Month

March "came in like a lion." The first nine days were very cold, averaging twelve degrees b elow normal for the period,amd snow covered the ground throughout. On the fourth the mercury fell to 3 below,within one degree of the record for March. The wind actually did break all records for March,reaching a velocity of 7 2m.p.h. on the 6th. The remainder of the month was rather consistently on the high side of normal,however,starting with an abrupt rise from 5 degrees on the 9th to 52 degrees on the 10th.Thereafter, insofar as land birds were concerned ,the month was notable only for the normal development of the spring migration in response to the normal weather conditions. Robins began to appear, and by the16th. were common everywhere. The other early migrants among the land birds arrived pretty much on schedule,and by the month's end pigeons were incubating eggs or feeding young on the ledges of downtown buildings, and Starlings and English Sparrows were starting to build. On the other hand, the extreme cold of the winter had resulted in heavy ice on Lake Erie, and the northward movement of the Niagara River waterfowl was delayed about one week. Thus, Bonaparte's Gulls ,normally here in small numbers during the last week of March,were unreported,and Hooded Mergansers, another excellent migration indicator, were a week late in arriving. Whistling Swans, though also late, were reported in excellent numbers from all over the territory;in fact the swan records were one of the feat ures of th e month. March "went out like a lamb",the 31st being cloudless andeighteen degrees warmer than usual.

Noteworthy Records - March

Loon	March 30,		3 Allegheny River W. of Salamanca	(Stanley,Knode)
Horned Grebe	" 31	(F)	1 Niagara River	(Beardslee)
	" 31		1 Nu Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Pied-billed Grebe	" 31	(F)	1 " "	(" ")
Great Blue Heron	" 18	(F)	1 O.O.	(" ")
	" 21		4 Grand Is.	(Andrle et al.)
Black-crowned Night Heron	" 28		30 Orchard Park Rd.	(Creighton)
Whistling Swan	" 21	(F)	29 Lakeside	(Somerside)
	" 24		8 Strawberry Is.	(Brockner)
	" 25		1 Gainesville	(Mrs. E.V.Smith)
	" 26		9 Newstead sinks	(Webster)
	" 27		42 Flying over Delaware Pk. Lake	(Andrle)
	" 28		9 Stage Rd.	(Thorpe)
	" 28		1 Transit Sinks	(Andrle)
	" 28		3 Grand Is.	(Beardslee,Klepfer)
	" 30		2 Allegheny River W. of Allegany	(Stanley,Knode)
	" 30		90 Red House Lake Allegany St.Pk.	(" ")
	" 30		64 Cassadaga Lake	(" ")
	" 31		53 Grand Is.	(Smiths)
	" 31		28 Beaver Is. &Niagara River	(Savage)

Records Continued

Canada Goose	March	15 (F)		O.O.	(Jim Madison)
	"	18		O.O.	(Mrs. Pixley)
	"	18		Medina	(Somerside)
Gadwall	"	22 (F)	1	Clarence Sinks	(Mitchell,S.Potter)
Baldpate	"	17 (F)	1	Grand Is.	(Beardslee)
Green-winged Teal	"	19 (F)	4	O.O.	(Jim Madison)
Blue-winged Teal	"	28 (F)	1	Newstead Sinks	(Webster)
Ring-necked Duck	"	17	2	Grand Is.	(Beardslee)
Ruddy Duck	"	21 (F)	3	Grand Is.	(Andrle et al.)
	"	31	6	Nu Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Hooded Merganser	"	22 (F)	4	Newstead Sinks	(Mitchell, S.Potter)
Goshawk	"	12 (F)	1	Parker Ave. Buffalo	(Verrill)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	21 (F)	1	Yates	(Somerside)
Coopers Hawk	Many records from various places by many members				
Red-tailed Hawk	"	"	"	" " " "	
*	3-8 individuals regularly reported from Grand Island				
Rough-legged Hawk	March	11	1	Grand Is.	(Beardslee)
	"	12	1	Parker Ave. Buffalo	(Verrill)
	"	21	1	Ridgeway	(Somerside)
	"	28	1	Grand Is.	(Savage)
*Red-shouldered Hawk	"	21 (F)	1	Lakeside	(Somerside)
Bald Eagle	"	23	1	O.O.	(Klepfer)
	"	28	1	Grand Is.	(Beardslee,Klepfer)
	"	28	1	Grand Is.	(Brockner)
Marsh Hawk	Many records all throuh the month of March.				
Duck Hawk	March	15 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Bart Wright)
	"	22	1	Knowlesville	(Mitchell)
Coot	"	22 (F)	1	Newstead Sinks	(Mitchell,S.Potter)
	"	28	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Killdeer	Feb.	28(F)	1	E. Aurora	(Mrs Klas, rep Simmons)
	March	14	1	" " " " " "	
	"	15	1	Bell plant Nia. Falls	(F.G.Smith)
	"	15	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
	"	15	1	Batavia	(Mrs. Pixley)
Woodcock	"	21 (F)		Hamburg	(Creighton)
Mourning Dove	"	14	1	E. Aurora	(Wild)
	"	16	1	Batavia	(Mrs. Pixley)
Screech Owl	"	21 (F)	1	Grand Is.	(Andrle et al.)
Great Horned Owl	"	21	3	" "	" " "
Belted Kingfisher	"	28	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Daily at feeding station at LeRoy				(Hazeltine)
Phoebe	March	28 (F)		Grand Is.	(Savage)
	"	31	2	Forest Lawn Cem.	(F.G.Smith)
	"	31	1	Castile,N.Y.	(Thompson)
Purple Martin	"	31 (F)	1	Batavia	(Lambert,rep Pixley)
Tufted Titmouse	"	28 (F)	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
Winter Wren	"	21 (F)	1	Grand Is.	(Andrle et al)
Mockingbird	Still present at Cayuga Is. during March				
Robin	"	4	1	Linden Ave	(Praemassings)
	"	9	2	Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
Bluebird	"	14(F)	1	E.Aurora	(Wild)
	"	15	2	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Bart Wright)
Cedar Waxwing	Jan	27 (F)	40	Batavia	(Mrs. Pixley)
Meadowlark	March	16	1	"	" "
	"	16	20	Fredonia	(Stanley)
Redwing	"	14	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Mrs. Pixley)
	"	14	30	S. of Jamestown	(Miss Hamilton,rep Stanley)
	"	14	1	E. Aurora	(Wild)
	"	14	1	Buffalo	(Andrle)

Rusty Blackbird	March	21 (F)	1 Hamburg	(Creighton)
	"	22	15 O.O.	(Mitchell, S.Potter)
	"	27	10 Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
	"	28	1 O.O. (Savage,Brockner,Cleaves,Himegardeners)	
Bronzed Grackle	"	16 (F)	1 Kenmore	(Beardslee)
	"	16	1 E.Aurora	(Wild)
Cowbird	"	17 (F)	5 Grand Is.	(Beardslee)
Cardinal	Regularly reported from Grand Is.			
Purple Finch	"	20	1 E.Aurora	(Wild)
Goldfinch	"	22	1 Shelby	(Mitchell)
Fox Sparrow	"	31	1 Forest Lawn Cem.	(F.G.Smith)
Song Sparrow	"	11	3 Grand Is.	(Beardslee)
	"	14	2 Fredonia	(Stanley)
	"	15	"Rather plentiful" Fredonia	(Stanley)
Lanland Longspur	"	31	30 Grand Is.	(Savage)
Snow Bunting	"	4	30 Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
	"	23	3 Grand Is.	(Mitchell)

Additional new Species for Jan & Feb.	2
Total new species for March	27
Total Species for year to date	95
Total species for same period last year	102

Spring Duck Census - April 11,1943

Territory- Western New York , west of the Genesee River;Canadian shore of Lake Erie as far as Sherkston; Niagara River to Niagara Falls ; Grand Island.
Temperature-at start 20 degrees with more moderate weather as the day advanced.
Weather- Clear and sunny - - -Cold north wind.
Territories and observers as follows-
A- Buffalo Harbor and Canadian shore to Niagara Falls along the river- Savage
B- Niagara Falls ,New York-----Rogerson
C-Canadian Shore -Peace Bridge to Sherkston- Andrle, Pause, Filor,Hedley
D- Grand Island-North end- Thorpe,Brockners, Dietrich,Wiesnet.
E- Grand Island East River-S. Bridge to Ransom Rd.-Klepfer.
G- Grand Is. S.bridge to Beaver I. Pk. and S. end of Island.-Seebers,Webster
H- Harris Hill Sinks-Wendling, Ulrichs
I-Forest Lawn Cem. and Delaware Park- Beardslee.
J-Sinking Ponds E. Aurora. -A & H Wander .
K-Zoar Valley- Brettles
M-Sinking Ponds, Lime & Crystal Lakes- Winships,Creightons
N-Newstead Sinks-Corfu- Mitchell,Hahn,Carter.
O-Batavia,Nu,Horseshoe,LaGrange and LeRoy Lakes,& Le Roy-Pixley
P-Chatauqua Co.-Mr. &Mrs Beal,Hiller
Q-Dunkirk & Fredonia- Meronys,Stanleys;Schober.
R-Clarksberg- Mols
S-Shelby& O.O.-Somerside
T-Braddocks Bay.O.O.-Dr. Meade
U-Lyndonville- G. Smith
V-Castile - Mrs. Thompson
W- Gainesville- Mrs.E.V.Smith

Observations for the day-
Loon,B-M-P-Q 18, Holboell's Grebe-3-M , Horned Grebe-30-M-P-Q-T., Pied-billed Grebe-22-, Gr. Blue Heron-93 , Am. Bittern-4-M-P-T.,Whistling Swan-504-,Canada Goose-10,500 ,Common Mallard- 97-,Red-1 & Com. Black Duck-723 ,Gadwald-3-D-P-,European Widgeon-1-N-,Baldpate-1178-,Pintail-4067-,Green-winged Teal-17-,Blue-winged Teal-15, Shoveller-7-N-W-,Wood Duck-17- E-J-M-N-P-O-S-,Redhead-482-,Ring-necked Duck-268-, Canvas-back-325-, Greater and Lesser Scaup-1528-, American Golden-eye-403-,Buffle-head-112-, Old-squaw-79-,Hooded Merganser-97-, American Merganser-567-, Red-breasted 2089-,Turkey Vulture-5-A-S-T-,Sharp-shinned Hawk-2-, Cooper's Hawk-8-,

Red-tailed Hawk-14-,Red-shouldered Hawk,N-10-,Rough-legged Hawk-1-K-,Marsh Hawk-33-, Osprey-1-U-, Sparrow Hawk-38-, Rough Grouse -4-,Ringed-necked Pheasant-78-,Coot-55-M-Q-P-,Killdeer-60-,Woodcock-5-E-G-J-W-,Wilson Snipe-1-H-,Gr. Yellow-legs-1-C-, Gr. Black-backed Gull-4-,Herring Gull-2227-,Ring-billed Gull-1950-,Bonaoarte's Gull-283-, Mourning Dove-119-,Gr. Horned Owl-N-2-,Belted Kingfisher-19-,Flicker-37-, Pileated Woodpecker-4-P-A-,Red-bellied Woodpecker-2-,Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-5-, Hairy Woodpecker-6-,Downy Woodpecker-45-.Phoebe-33-,Prairie Horned Lark-63-, Tree Swallow-6-O-P-T-,Rough-winged Swallow-1-O-, Purple Martin-4-O-,Blue Jay-8-,Crow-582-,Black-capped Chickadee-82-,White-breasted Nuthatch-19-,Red-breasted Nuthatch-1-, BrownCreeper-26-, Wenter Wren- 3-, Robin-1853-, Hermit Thrush-3-,Bluebird-124-, Golden-crowned Kinglet-117-,Migrant Shrike-5-H-M-Q-,Starling -2500-,English Sparrow 835-,Meadowlark-129-*,Rusty Blackbird-34-,Bronzed Grackle-423-*,**Cardinal-11-, Purple Finch-3-, Red-eyed Towhee-4-,Savannah Sparrow-5-,Vesper Sparrow-98-, Slate-colored Junco-184-,Tree Sparrow-148-, Field Sparrow-1-C-,White-throated Sparrow-2-, Swamp Sparrow-7-, Song Sparrow-1065. * Red-winged Blackbird-3712-, ** Cowbird-1049.

The cold weather of the preceding week held over on Sunday April 11th with the result that observers found ice on the ponds. The ice did not disappear until noon or after, when it melted under the bright sun.

503 recorded Whistling Swan came from many scattered sources ,the largest concentration ,297, were observed off Buckhorn Island. Canada Geese numbering 10,500+ account for half the numbers of waterfowl,Dr. Meade reporting more than 8000 from Oak Orchard Swamp. The changing spring duck population manifested itself by the increase in numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers and the lessening of American Mergansers in the ratio of 2089 to 567. The incoming Hooded Mergansers were reported from six different places. The concentration of American Golden-eye had also decreased from the peak of winter. In addition to nearly all of the probable ducks,we had good fortune to include in our list a European Widgeon. Mr. Mitchell and his party observed this bird on a pond along Genesee street beyond the village of Corfu.

All swallows reported came from inland sources.

Wartime restrictions limited the amount of territory covered but the thoroughness of the members in canvassing their confined areas showed very good results. We missed some of the owls and some of the sparrow family, as the Goldfinch and Fox Sparrow .

The total of 94 species and 38,296 individuals compares favorably with that of other years,as an analysis of the appended records shows.

Date	April12,1942	April6,1941	April 7,1940	April 4,1939
Species	104	90	88	85
Individuals	37,488	45,462	30,653	46,000

I,as leader wish at this time to express my appreciation to the members and their friends for the promptness of their returns and cooperation in this census.

E.C.Ulrich.

Notes

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life again under the editorship of Juliet Richardson Kellogg, reveals an unusually high mortality among birds in mid-February, during some of the coldest weather ever recorded in many localities. By Feb.23 a warm spell brought temperature up to over 100°F above the minimum recorded the previous week,and this warmer spell was accompanied by a wave of early migrants particularly noticable in Connecticut and in the Connecticut Valley. Northern Finches remainded scarce as did many of the waterbirds. Among the rarities reported were Gray Gyrfalcon at Newburyport,Atlantic Murre at So. Chatham, Oregon Junco at Amherst and Richardson's Owl at Hartford, Conn. in the heart of the city, where it was seen by many members of the bird club.

Records from Rochester as reported by Mr. W.L.G.Edson forweek ending March5 include-Short-eared Owl and Red-breasted Nuthatch. The following week---Ring-necked Duck,Broad-winged Hawk, Redpoll and the rare American Three-toed Woodpecker were noted. Records for the week ending March 19 include --Red-throated Loon, Cormorant, Canada Goose, Snowy Owl and Swamp Sparrow. Great Blue Heron, Whistling

Swan,Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal,Bald Eagle and some unusually early Tree Swallows were reported during the week ending March 26th.

Correction: Under notes in March 1943 Prothonotary the reference to the Oregon Juncos should have read as follows: Two Oregon Juncos ,evidently of the Montana race, were collected in the middle of February. One was taken at Barrie,Ont. by Dr. Brereton while the other was shot at Streetsville,Ont. by Mr .Shortt,under Mrs.Mitchell's direction.

Future Events

Meetings--

Wednesday-Apr 24,1943---- Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science---- 8 P.M.
Topic-- Birds of Navajo Land--Mrs Rosa

Wednesday-May 12, 1943-- Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science----8 P.M.
Plans for Spring Census and Forum-----Leader Ward Klepfer

Wednesday-May 26, 1943---- Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science----8 P.M.
Program to be announced

Field Trips

Sunday May 2. Grand Island ---- Leader----Ed Seeber.---- Phone Ri.8739.
Meet bus that leaves terminal at 6 A.M. for Niagara Falls --via--Grand Island.
Sunday May 16 Spring Census------Leader Ward Klepfer----Phone De.5402.
Saturday morning trips -- Delaware Park--Meeting place Winsor Ave. Gate.-7A.M.

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The men members of the society have no monopoly on the service. Miss Louise Paepke has joined the Waacs and is now stationed in Michigan.

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The Month

"Thirty days had April",and 26 of those days were below normal in temperature. The month was so cold (second coldest April in fifty years) that snow was recorded on thirteen days. The unseasonable weather prevailed right up to the month's end, and at midnight on the 30th it was snowing so hard and ice was forming over the smaller pools. Navigation started officially on the 21st,which was 24 days later than in 1942,but at the month's end incoming frei ghters were tightly locked in Lake Erie ice. The weather was more typical of March,and in fact t he mean temperature for the entire month (37 degrees)was exactly the same as the mean of the last 22 days of March. Some birds insisted upon coming north at their usual dates of arrival,but the cold must have had its effect on them. This observer watched Tree Swallows feeding over the water at Oak Orchard on t he 13th during a driving snow storm, with temper-ture of 30 degrees. During the next two daysthe mercury hovered between 22 and 29 degrees,certainly severe conditions for swallows to face. Wright reported finding eight dead Purple Martins at his home at Wanakah on the 21st, seven in the martin house and one in his garage. Other species which arrived about schedule,e.g.,rails,spotted Sandpiper,Terns, Brown Thrasher,and some of the Sparrows, are hardier birds,and doubtless survived. Swans were reported from almost every pond in western New York,and stayed very late. An exceptionally good flight of Osprey was noted. The migration of all species,taken together and averaged, was very late. Two of the best indicators,Bonaparte's Gull and Ruby-crowned Kinglet,were extremely tardy, and April warbler records were almost lacking. Members are urged to get out their copies of t he Prothonotary for May,1942 and note the contrast between April of last year and the records for 1943. It will be recalled that the last eight days of April 1942 averaged exactly 60 degrees, and the tremendous effect of weather upon bird migration will be realized as the two years are compared.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS -April

Red-throated Loon	April 29 (F)	4	Lakeside (Somerside)
American Bittern	" 7 "	1	Horseshoe Lake (Pixley)
Whistling Swan	many reports from all over Western N.Y.		
L. Snow Goose	April 22 (F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs E. Smith)
Gadwall	" 3	2	Harris Hill Sinks (B. Wright)
	" 8	6	O.O. (Beardslee)
European Widgeon	" 8 (F)	2	O.O. "
Wood Duck	" 6 (F)	7	Chautauqua Lake (Beals)
American Scoter	" 21	1	Medina Pond (Somerside)
Turkey Vulture	March 21 (F)	1	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Broad-winged Hawk	April 29 (F)	1	Hamburg (Creighton)

Osprey	April	10	(F)	1	Lyndonville (W.A. Smith)
	"	18		1	Buckhorn Is (Andrle,et.al.)
	"	21		1	Gr. Isle (Mrs.Mansfield,Smith,Hickman)
	"	22		1	Shelby (Somerside)
	"	"		2	Castile (Thompson)
	"	23		1	B.Concord (Bert Wright)
	"	29		1	Clarence Sinks (Andrle)
	"	29		1	O.O. (A ndrle)
Duck Hawk	"	10		1	Burntship Creek (James et al.)
Pigeon Hawk	"	29	(F)	1	Hamburg (Creighton)
Virginia Rail	"	28	(F)	1	O.O. (Jim Madison)
Sora	"	29	(F)	1	O.O. (Andrle)
Upland Plover	"	23	(F)	1	Grand Is. (Beardslee)
	"	23		8	Maple Rd. (Andrle)
Spotted Sandpiper	"	27	(F)	3	Bear Lake (Mitchell, Eames)
Greater Yellow-legs	March	27	(F)	1	Holland (James)
Yellow-legs	April	29	(F)	1	Nu Lake (Pixley)
Iceland Gull	March	6		1	Ohio Basin (B. Wright)
Common Tern	April	22		50	Nia. Falls (Mitchell)
Caspi an Tern	"	21	(F)	1	Tifft St. (Mitchell)
	"	21		2	" " (Savage)
	"	22		3	" " (Bert Wright)
Short-eared Owl	"	14		1	E. Amherst (Somerside)
Yellow-bwllied Sapsucker	"	1	(F)	1	Humboldt Pky(Thorpe)
N. Horned Lark	March	22	(F)	1	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Tree Swallow	"	3	(F)	1	O.O. (Bert Wright)
Bank Swallow	"	27	(F)	2	Wanakah (Mitchell, Eames)
Barn Swallow	"	18	(F)	1	Shelby (Somerside)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	March	14	(F)	1	Jamestown (Beals)
Mockingbird	April	10		1	Cayuga Is (James et. al.)
	"	22		1	LaSalle Ave.(E. Ulrich)
Brown Thrasher	"	28	(F)	1	Buffalo (Mrs. Weierheiser)
Hermit Thrush	"	1		1	Forest Lawn (V. Hickman)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	22	(F)	2	Wilson (Byron)
Migrant Shrike	March	31	(F)	4	Lakeside (Somerside)
Black & White Warbler	April	26	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.(A ndrle(
Myrtle Warbler	"	24	(F)	1	" " " (Pause)
	"	27		1	Horseshoe Lake (Pixley)
N. WaterThrush	"	30	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mrs. F. Smith, Mansfiel
Vesper Sparrow	Feb.	23	(F)	1	Tonawanda (Somerside)
	Apr.	4		1	Batavia (Pixley)
Chipping Sparrow	"	26	(F)	1	Parkside Ave. (Andrle)
Field Sparrow	"	1	(F)	1	Humboldt Pky. (Thorpe)
Swamp Sparrow	"	6	(F)	1	Chatauwua Lake (Beals)

Species previously reported	94
Added new for March	6
New for April	33
Total species for year to date	133

1942 at this time----165

ANNUAL SPRING BIRD CENSUS MAY 16, 1943

A. Canadian Shore -Pt. Abino to Mohawk Pt. -H. Mitchell, V. Hickman, B. Schwenger, Misses Hahn & Bosse.

B. Canadian Shore -Ft. Erie to Pt. Abino-Andrle, Pause, Filor, Wisnet.

C. Grand Is. South of Love Rd. E &A Ulrich & M. Brown

D. Grand Is. North of Love Rd. and E. of Base Line Rd.-G. Webster, Miss Facklam

E. Grand Is . " " " " " W. " " " " -Seeber, Seubert

G. Tifft St., South Park, Forest Lawn Cem.- Savage
H. Delaware Pr., and Forest Lawn Cem - Mr.&Mrs.F.G.Smith, King, Mrs. Mansfield
I. Niagara Falls - Rogerson
J. Wilson and Bond Lake -W.&S Brockner, Thorpe, Hedley
K. Hamburg, Hampton Brook - Mr. & Mrs. Creighton.
L. Am. Lake Shor., Sturgeon Pt., Silver Creek, Versailles, Gowanda, Beardslee, Klepfer.
M. Lincoln Pk. Mrs. Madison, Miss Stanley, Miss Wendling, Mrs. Rosa.
N. Harris Hill Region - M. Wendling, Marg. Wendling
O. Oak Orchard - R. Verrill, D. Archbald
P. Orchard Park - Winships, Johnsons
Q. Holland - Miss James
R. Collins Tilleys, L. Overfield, et. al.
S. Zoar Valley -Brettles
T. Chautauqua Co. - Beals, Miss Hiller
U. Dunkirk, Fredonia, Cassadaga and vicinity- Mr.& Mrs. W. Stanley, Dr. & Mrs. Meroney
V. Batavia, Leroy, and vicinity - Mrs. Pixley
W. Ridgeway, Orleans Co. - Somerside
X. Lyndonville -N.A. & C. Smith
Y. Wanakah, Gowanda -A.J.Wright 2nd.
Z. Sandy Creek, north of Brockport - G.Guelf
*. Gainesville & vicinity - E.V.Smiths
§. Castile, N.Y. -Mrs. M.G. Thompson

Species Observed

Loon, 17
Holboell's Grebe-12
Pied-billed Grebe-8
D.Cr.Cormorant-1-A
Gr.Blue Heron- 73
Green Heron -37
B.Cr. Night Heron-2-E,J
Amer. Bittern -12
Least Bittern-2-J,V
Whistling Swan-2-E,O
Canada Goose-1-O
Common Mallard-17
Com. Blk. Duck-26
Baldpate-9-A,B,J
Pintail-2-A
Blue-w. Teal-14
Wood Duck-12 O,T,X
Redhead- 3-A,K,U
Canvas-back-3-A
Great. Scaup Duck 273
Lesser " "
Am. Golden-eye-2-A
Buffle-head-7
Old-squaw -61
Wht.-w. Scoter-19-B
Am. Merganser-5-B,E
Red-br. Merganser-334
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Turkey Vulture-11
Sharp-sh. Hawk-85
Cooper's Hawk-15
Red-tailed Hawk-6
Red-Should. Hawk-4

*** Bald Eagle, 1, Z
*** Marsh Hawk-40
*** Osprey -1-Z
*** Duck hawk-2-Z
*** Pigeon Hawk-7-Y ,Z
*** Sparrow Hawk-17
*** Ruffed Grouse-2-Q,V
*** Ring-n.Pheasant-152
*** King Rail-1-V
*** Virginia Rail-2-*
*** Sora-1-O
*** Florida Gallinule-16
*** Coot-3-O,V
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*** Killdeer-85
*** Ruddy Turnstone-1-A
*** Woodcock-11
*** Wilson's Snipe-1-J
*** Upland Plover-2-C
*** Spotted Sandpiper-122
*** Solitary Sandpiper-11
*** Gr. Yellow-legs-2-J.X
*** Yellow-legs-1-U
*** Pectoral Sandpiper-2,O
*** Least Sandpiper-2-W,X
*** Sanderling-3-A
*** Gt. Black-b Gull-1-A
*** Herring Gull-380
*** Ring-b Gull-164
*** Common Tern-947
*** Black Tern-3-O
*** Mourning Dove-217
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*** Yellow-b Cuckoo-1-
*** Black-b. Cuckoo-17
*** Gt. Horned Owl-6
*** Whip-poor-will-9
*** Nighthawk-10
*** Chimney Swift-146
*** Ruby-th.Hum.bird-17
*** Belted Kingfisher-52
*** Flicker-355
*** Pileated Wdpkr-2-T
*** Red-headed Wdpkr-54
*** Yellow-b. Sapsucker-2-H
*** Hairy Woodpecker-8
*** Downy Woodpecker-43
*** Kingbird-78
*** Crested Flycatcher-46
*** Phoebe-64
*** Yel.-b. Flycatcher-15
*** Alder Flycatcher-9
*** Leas t Flycatcher-119
*** ood Pewee-37
*** Olive-s. Flycatcher-1-R
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*** Pr. Horn. Lark-72
*** Tree Swallow-220
*** Bank Swallow-513
*** Rough-w. Swallow-110
*** Barn Swallow-701
*** Cliff Swallow-7-O,V,*
*** Purple Martin-162
*** Blue Jay-37
*** Crow-511
*** Black-c. Chickadee-45

Tufted Titmouse-1-J
White-br. Nuthatch-23
Red-br. Nuthatch-5-
Brown Creeper- 30
House Wren -121
Winter Wren -2-A,J
Carolina Wren -1-H
Prairie Marsh Wren- 14
Catbird -271
Brown Thrasher -28
Robin -1386
Wood Thrush -70
Hermit Thrush -7
Olive-b. Thrush -119
Gray-ch. Thrush -9
Veery -61
Bluebird -84
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher-1-M
Golden-cr. Kinglet -23
Ruby-cr. Kinglet -90
Cedar Waxwing -145
Starling -1814
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Yellow-th. Vireo -13
Blue-headed Vireo-15
Red-eyed Vireo -93
Philadelphia Vireo-4
Warbling Vireo -17
Bl. & Wh. Warbler -108
Golden-w. Warbler -1-V

** Blue-w. Warbler -1-Y
** Tennessee Warbler -19
** Orange-cr. Warbler -6
** Nashville Warbler -103
** Parula Warbler -6 3
** Yellow Warbler -760
** Magnolia Warbler -325
** Cape May Warbler -70
** Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler -168
** Myrtle Warbler -332
** Bl.-thr. Green Warbler -181
** Cerulean Warbler -9
** Blackburn Warbler -244
** Chestnut-s. Warbler -274
** Bay-br. Warbler -123
** Blackpoll Warbler -2- G,Y
** Prairie Warbler -1-B
** W. Palm Warbler
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** Ovenbird -176
** N. Water-Thrush -31
** La- Water-Thrush -2-Q
** Conn. Warbler -2-G,I
** Mourning Warbler -8
** N. Yellow-throat-146
** Yellow-br. Chat -4 -A ,G
** Hooded Warbler -7
** Wilson's Warbler -10
** Canada Warbler -91
** Redstart -430

** English Sparrow -767
** Bobolink -148
** Meadowlark -354
** Redwing -1226
** Orchard Oriole -6 A,B
** Baltimore Oriole -276
** Rusty Blackbird -7-J,M,*
** Bronzed Grackle -396
* Cowbird -598
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* Scarlet Tanager -140
** Cardinal -14
** Rose-br.Grosbeak -244
** Indigo Bunting -65
** Purple Finch -9
** Goldfinch -421
Red-eyed Towhee -60
** Savannah Sparrow -61
** Grasshopper Sparrow -14
** Henslow's Sparrow -13
** Vesper Sparrow - 103
** Slate-col. Junco -15
** Chipping Sparrow -225
** Field Sparrow -140
** Wh.-cr. Sparrow -180
** Wh.-th. Sparrow -170
** Lincoln's Sparrow- 5A,B,H,J
** Swamp Sparrow -67
** Song Sparrow -1053

A high wind in the morning abated at noon, leaving the rest of the day warm and sunny. Because of wartiie restrictions ,observers confined their activities to smaller local areas than in other years . Aside from this curtailment of travel, the observers afield found many conditions that were unusual for this area at this season.

Ice still remained along the Canadian shore of Lake Erie and in the Niagara River. The heavy rains of the past spring raised the level of all the streams and flooded many of the fields and woods. The strong wind of the morning eliminated song identifications. Many of the favorite haunts gave poor results and in other areas the number of birds abounded. Most observers reported the warblers close to the ground, in good view, and in large numbers. Only the highly localized Prothonotary and Pine Warblers were missed. The total number of individuals observed doubled that of last year. Five less species of shore birds were tallied than last year.

Two Whistling Swan ,1Canada Goose, Redhead,.. Canvas-back and Golden-eye Ducks, Gr. Black-b- Gull,Golden-cr. Kinglets and Hermit Thrushes remained longer than average, while the presence of some more southern birds as Carolina Wren, Tufted Titmouse, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ,,Yellow -br. Chats and Orchard Oriolesoffers a Paradox after the condinued cold of the very abnormal spring weather.

George Guelf of Brockport sent in a list of migrating hawks; 75 Sharp-sh. , 10 Cooper's ,1 Imm. Bald Eagle ,1 Osprey, 2 Duck and 6 Pigeon Hawks all headed east at Sandy Creek on the Lake Ontario Shore.

The Red-bellied Woodpecker had bee seen the day before at Le roy. The Migrant Shrike and several of the owls are known to be about. These birds were missed in our tally.

Total species observed--180 Total individuals--21,715

W.Klepfer.

Addenda:

A report received, since the tabulation of the census, from Dr. Gordon Meade and J.W.Taylor of Rochester, added two more species to the above list, vis 6 Red-throated Loons and 2 Pine Warblers. These additions raise the total species to 182 and the total individuals to 23,602. These observers encountered an eastward migration of all species of swallows along the shore of Lake Ontario.

E.C.U.

NOTES

Rochester records are reported by W.L .G.Edson; for the week ending Apr.3 include Pied-billed Grebe, Shoveller, Wilson's Snipe, Common Tern, Snowy Owl, Belted Kingfisher, and Fox Sparrow. During the following week -American Bittern, Goshawk, Bank Swallow, and Myrtle Warbler were reported. For the week ending Apr.23-- Green Heron, Upland Plover, Short-eared Owl, and Barn Swallow were noted and migrants for the last week of April included Spotted Sandpiper, Brown Thrasher, Wood Thrush and Chipping Sparrow.

MEETINGS

At the meeting of April 14th Mrs F.G.Smith told about their trip to Florida in the fall of 1942. During their stay Mr. and Mrs. Smith saw a total of 70 species. Her account of the native birds included nearly all the southern herons. Lack of personal transportation confined their birding to the few areas available by local transportation.

At the April 28th meeting Mrs . Rosa recounted her experiences of a pack trip through the Navajo Country of the southwest . Her pictures gave an excellent picture of that highly colored country, where the altitude changes very rapidly, giving a variety of bird life, ranging from the desert species, to the canyon dwellers and later to the inhabitants of the higher elevations.

PROGRAM

Meeting : June 9th at Lincoln Park-6 P.M.- Use Kenmore Ave. bus. Picnic lunch.
June 23 d Out-of-door meeting . Place to be announced.

Because of war time restrictions -field trips for the organization have been suspended . Members are urged therefor to make as many personal observations as they can, particularly of nesting birds within a definite area.

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The Month

May was ushered in with snow and ended with rain. So far as weather is concerned , the whole month may well be briefly reviewed and then forever forgotten. Rain fell on no less than twenty-four days,including four Saturdays and four Snnd ays, and the below-normal temperatures of the preceding months persisted to add to the general discomfort. Birdwise ,however, the month was very interesting,and our observers ,in spite of t he weather and restrictions on automobile travel,did an excellent job,as examination of the records below will prove.The last days of April ,usually bringing the vangard of the warblers,were far too cold this year to attract early migration, and this unre sonable spell of weather lasted until the afternoon of May 5. It is interesting to review the minimum night temperatures recorded in the early hours of the first six days-28,35,33,34,34,42 degrees. May 6 ended a period of eleven straight days which had been far below normal. No wonder it brought one of the greatest migration waves we have recorded. Observers out on the fifth reported almost none of the usual May migrants, while on the sixth the warblers were everywhere.No fewer than 25 "firsts" were recorded on that single day, far more than on the preceding five days. Other migration waves occured later in the month,particularly on the 21st,when during a rainy morning and overcast afternoon,every likely spot ,no matter how small, was swarming with warblers,almost all of which were singing. The continual rains resulted in very high water along the lake shore,and the shorebird migration was below par. Bonaparte's Gulls were almost absent(see Spring Census in last issue), a fact which may also be attribut ble to high (and therefore muddy)water,which made feeding on th e river difficult. As a whole the month offered excellent birding,and several outstanding finds, notably the Clay-colored Sparrow, were reported.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS -MAY

Red-throated Loon	May 1	1	Delaware Park(Mitchell,et al)
Holboell's Grebe	" 1	1	Harris Hill Sinks(A ndrle)
	" 7,8,9,	1-2	Delaware Park Lake(Mitchell,et al)
	" 12	1	O.O. (Beardslee)
	" 13	1	O.O. (Pixley)
Dbl. Crest. Cormorant	" 2 (F)	3	Grand Island (Seeber,Andrle)
Am. Egret	" 2,3 (F)	1	East Aurora (James,et al)
Green H eron	" 2 (F)	1	Grand Island (Seeber,Andrle)
Least Bittern	" 20	1	Castile (Thompson)
Black Duck	"22	4Y	Delaware Park(Mrs. F.G.Smith)
Shoveller	" 4 (L)	1	O.O.(Mitchell)
			Grand Island (Mansfield,Smith, Hickman)
Ring-necked Duck	" 14 (L)	3	O.O.(Mitchell)
Am. Golden-eye	" 30	4	Thunder Bay,Ont.(Mitchell, Savage)
Bufflehead	" 30	2	Windmill Pt.,Ont(" ")
White-winged Scoter	" 30	48	Harbor&Canadan Shore(" ")
Surf Scoter	" 2 (F)	2	Dunkirk (Wright)

Ring-necked Duck	May 14 (L)	3	O.O. (Mitchell)
Am. Golden-eye	" 30	4	Thunder Bay,Ont. (Sava ge,Mitchell)
Bufflehead	" 30	2	Windmill Pt.Ont.(" ")
White-winged Scoter	" 30	48	Harbor & Canadan Shore(" ")
Surf Scoter	" 2 (F)	2	Dunkirk (Wright)
Ruddy Duck	" 1	3	Harris Hill Sinks(Andrle)
	" 8 (L)	1	Delaware Park (Mitchell et al)
Red-br. Merganser	" 30	14	Can, Shore (Savage, Mitchell)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 2	50	Mig. S. of Dunkirk (Wright)
	" 9	50	" at Lakeside (Somerside)
Cooper's Hawk	" 2	40	" S. of Dunkirk (Wright)
Red-tailed Hawk	Apr. 24	Large flight, Eden (James)	
Red- Sh. Hawk	" "	" " " "	
Broad-winged Hawk	May 2	100	Mig. S. of Dunkirk (Wright)
Osprey	numerous reports		
Pigeon Hawk	May 4	1	Clarence (Mitchell)
Ruffed Grouse	" 14	1	Shelby (Somerside)
Florida Gallinule	" 3(F)	1	E. Aurora (James)
Semipalmated Plover	" 19 (F)	1	Angola (D.Jamieson)
Ruddy Turnstone	" 30	6	Crystal Beach,Ont(Savage,Mitchell)
Hudsonian Curlew	" 23(F)	1-Shirkstone-2 Pt. Abino,Ont(Pause,Filor)	
	" 30	3	Windmill Pt,Ont (Savage,Mitchell)
Solitary Sandpiper	" 4 (F)	1	Holland (James)
Least Sandpiper	" 11 (F)	1	Gainesville(Mrs.E.V.Smith)
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 21 (F)	14	" " "
Semipalmated Sandpiper	" 30 (F)	2	Thunder Bay, Ont. (Savage,Mitchell)
Forster's Tern	" 30 (F)	2	Buffalo (Savage,Mitchell)
Blaxk Tern	" 4 (F)	1	O.O.(Mitchell)
Black-billed Cuckoo	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.(Wendling)
	" 7	1	Delaware Park(Mansfield, Smith)
Short-eared Owl	" 4	1	Grand Island (Scober)
Saw-whet Owl	" 8,9	1	Forest Lawn (Byron,et al)
Whip-poor-will	" 4 (F)	1	Grand Island)Mansfield,Smith, Hickman)
	" 5	1	Barcelona (Eames)
Nighthawk	" 14 (F)	1	Shelby(Sommersido)
Chimney Swift	" 5 (F)	1	Holland (James)
		2	Castile (Thompson)
Hummingbird	" 9 (F)	1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 6 (F)	1	Humboldt Prwy.(Thorpe)
		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mansfield,Hickman, Smith)
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	" 22(L)	1	Humbplbt Pwky. (Thorpe)
Kingbird	" 7 (F)	1	Batavia (Pixley)
Crested Flycatcher	" 6 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Webster, Beardslee)
		1	Goat Island (Beardslee)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	" 15 (F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Alder Flycatcher	" 6 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Beardslee)
Least Flycatcher	" 6 (F)		Reported by 5 observers
Wood Pewee	" 9 (F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
		1	Lincoln Park(Ulrichs)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	" 18	2	Forest Lawn(Hickman, Klepfer)
	" 21	1	Goat Island (Beardslee)
	" 22	1	Forest Lawn (Mitchell)
	" 31	2	" " (Klepfer)
	" 11 (F)	1	Boston (Mitchell)
Cliff Swallow	better howing than recent years. Numerous records, fairly well dispersed		
Brown Creeper	May 22	1	Lincoln Park (Mitchell, Beardslee)
House Wren	" 3 (F)	2	Angola (D. Jamieson)

Prairie Marsh Wren	May 9 (F)		E. Aurora (Webster)
Catbird	" 6 (F)	reported by 4 observers	
Wood Thrush	" 6 (F)	" " 5 "	
Olive-backed Thrush	" 6 (F)	Forest Lawn Cem.(Wendling)	
		1	Lincoln Park (Mitchell, Beardslee)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mansf.,Sm.,Hickman)
Veery	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem (Mitchell)
	" 21	50	Goat Island (Beardslee)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	" 14 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Andrle)
	" 20	1	Shadigee (Pixley)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 29 (L)	1	Forest Lanw Cem.(Andrle)
Blue-headed Vireo	" 5 (F)	1	Delaware Park(Mansf., Sm.,Hickman)
Red-eyed Vireo	" 6 (F)	1	Buffalo (Hickman)
Philadelphia Vireo	" 12 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Mansfield,Hickman)
Warbling Vireo	" 6 (F)	1	" " (Wendling)
Prothonotary Warbler	" 13 (F)	1	O.O. (Pixley)
Golden-winged "	" 17	1	Derby (Beardslee)
Orange-crowned "	" 6 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Beardslee)
	" 7	1	Foerst Lawn (4 observers)
	" 9	1	Lincoln Park (Ulrichs)
Nashville Warbler	" 6 (F)	1	Goat Island (Beardslee)
		1	Lincoln Pk. (Webster,Mitchell, Beardsle
Parula "	" 10 (F)	1	Batavia (Pixley)
Yellow "	" 4 (F)	1	O.O. (Pixley)
	" 5	1	Dunkirk (Eames)
Magnolia "	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn(Mansfield,Smith, Hickman)
	"	1	Goat Island (Beardslee)
Cape May "	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (several observers)
Black-thr. Blue "	" 9 (F)	1	Lakeside(Somerside, Brockners)
	"	2	Lincoln Park(Ulrichs, Wendling)
Myrtle "	" 22 (L)	3	" " (Mitchell, Beardslee)
Black-thr- Green "	" 3 (F)	5	Eden (James)
		1	Buffalo (Andrle)
Cerulean "	" 14 (F)	1	Batavia (Pixley)
Blackburnian "	" 6 (F)	2	Lincoln Park (Beardslee)
Chestnut-sided "	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Wendling)
		1	Delaware Park(Hickman, Mansfield,Smith.
Bay-breasted "	" 8)F)	1	Forest Lawn (Mitchell)
	" 17	24	W. Shelby (Somerside)
Blackpoll "	" 15 (F)	1	Forest Lawn(Hickman, Andrle)
Pine "	Apr. 24(F)	1	Eden (James)
	May 5	1	Forest Lawn (Mrs. F.G.Smith)
	" 17	1	Batavia (Pixley)
	" 22 (L)	1	Scottsville (Paul,G.O.S.)
Prairie Warbler	" 8 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Mitchell)
N. Palm "	" 6 (F)	3	Lincoln Park(Webster, Beardslee)
Ovenbird	" 6 (F)	1	" " (Beardslee)
Ovenbird	" 1 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Eames)
	2	1	" " (Klepfer)
	" 21	200	Goat Island (Beardslee)
La. Water-thrush	Apr. 24 (F)	1	Eden (James)
	May 9	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
	" 12	1	Ashford (Somerside)
Kentucky Warbler	" 22(F)	1	Scottsville (Paul, G.O.S.)
Connecticut "	" 18	1	Goat Island (Beardslee)
Mourning "	" 8 (F)	1	Niagara Falls(Rogerson)
	"	1	Holland (Pratt,rep.James)

No. Yellow-throat	May 4 (F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs. E.V.Smith)
Yellow-br. Chat	" 7 (F)	1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
	" 10	1	E. Aurora (Wander)
Hooded Warbler	" 14 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Many observers)
	" 15	1	Batavia (Pixley)
Wilson's "	" 8 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (Byron)
Canada "	" 9 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Ulrichs)
Redstart	" 7 (F)	1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
Bobolink	" 4 (F)	1	Gainesville (Mrs.E.V.Smith)
		1	Clarence (Eames)
Orchard Oriole	" 8 (F)	1	Castile (Thompson)
	" 15	2	" "
	" 18	1	Linden Ave.(Praemassings)
Baltimore Oriole	" 6 (F)	1	Castile (Thompson)
		1	Forest Lawn (several observers)
Scarlet Tanager	" 3 (F)	1	" " (Byron)
	" 17	25-30	W. Shelby (Somerside)
Rose-br.Grosbeak	" 8 (F)	1	Forest Lawn (several observers)
		1	Lincoln Park (Beardslee)
	" 13	26	in yard,Niagara Falls(Rogerson)
	" 16	50-60	Ridgeway (Somerside)
Indigo Bunting	" 6 (F)	1	Holland (Becker,rep. James)
Grasshopper Sparrow	" 12 (F)	1	Lockport (Beardslee)
Nelson's Sparrow	" 6 (F)	1	Lincoln Park (Beardslee)
Clay-colored Sparrow	" 20 (F)	1	" "(Mansfield,Hickman, Smith)
	First record for the territory.		
White-crowned "	" 6 (F)		reported by 4 observers
	" 22 (L)		" " " "
White-throated "	" 26 (L)	1	Nichol's School (Verrill)
Fox Sparrow	" 4 (L)		Grand Island(Smith, Hickman, Mansfield)
Lincoln's Sparrow	" 19	1	Forest Lawn (Klepfer)
	" 21	2	Goat Island (Beardslee)
	" 22	2	Lincoln Park (Mitchell, Beardslee)

Species previously reported	133
Added new for April	2
New for May	90
Total species for the year to date	225
Total for 1942 at this time	228

The Cardinal in Western New York

If I were to judge from my own experience alone, I would be inclined to call this an extraordinary cardinal year,for we have a pair of cardinals in our block (whether they are nesting and where , we haven't found out yet) and my sister and I recently found a pair in Grove's woods on Sheridan Drive where no cardinal has ever been seen before.

Are cardinals actually increasing in our territory? A study seems to prove that they are. Early records of Western New York show cardinals are very rare.

Bergtold called them accidental visitants and reported them twice. Short did not include them in his list of 1893. J.S.Davidson of Lockport secured a male in his back yard on May 10,1883 and also had several sight records of his own and a collected specimen by his father of previous years. Eaton claimed that there was no record of any breeding cardinals in Western New York, though he reported the birds as having been seen in Brockport, Buffalo,Brant, Fredonia and Jamestown.

Other early records include scattered reports from Niagara and Orleans counties and one indicating a nesting pair in Chatauqua county, but observers were inclined in general to think of the cardinal in Western New York as a straggler.

In July 1928 the Auk contained a report from Dr. Perkins of Gowanda stating that she had seen a female cardinal building a nest on May 7 on the hospital grounds. After one egg had been laid , the nest was apparently deserted, but on May 15 she found a female (the same or another) again building a nest. She reported having seen cardinals also on the Versailles Road into Zoar Valley,on the Indian Reservation as well as at Gowanda. Once she saw six in flock.

A letter from Dr. Perkins of February,1929 gives her findings of the previous year. She estimated that about twenty pairs were seen within four miles of the hospital. Many nested there, four in hemlocks several feet from the ground,one in a grape vine in a hemlock, two in other grapevines, and one low in a thorny crab-apple tree. There was no indication that any nested a second time in a season. If the weather is mild the nesting may begin late in April but more commonly not until the first week in May. On the Christmas census that year she found six pairs,some feeding on bittersweet berries and others on the seeds of the hornbeam. She concluded that cardinals in our territory are non-migratory.

In Chautauqua county the records have always been more numerous than nearer Buffalo. In 1931 Peterson reported a pair which stayed through the winter in Jamestown. Often on the Christmas census, all cardinals reported were from that region, as in December 1937 and again in 1938.

Marie Wendling

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Notice;

The uncertain conditions of the times have made advisable the discontinuance of club field activities for July. It is hoped that individual members will endeavor to keep up the records by vigilant personal observations.

See later Prothonotary for further club activities.

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NOTES

The Buletin of New England Bird Life mentions that, during the cold and rainy April, migrants averaged about a week later than normal. An unusual storm, however, about Apr. 19 brought early records of Rose-br. Grosbeaks at Athol and Indigo Buntings at Hanover, N.H. on Apr. 20. A Short-billed Gull, a Pacific coast species and an unusual rarity was seen several times in April in Newburyport.

Listed here are birds observed in Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G.Edson.

Week of May 8-- Vir. Rail, Ruddy duck,Florida Gallinule, Yellow-legs,an early yellow-bld Cuckoo, Whip-poor-will, Olive-backed Thrush,Pipit,11 species of warblers, Bobolink,Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, White-cr- Sparrow.

Week of May 15. Red-thr. Loon, White-wg.Scoter, Osprey,Nighthawk,26 species of warblers, Lincoln's Sparrow.

Week of May 22. Least Sandpiper, Yellow-bellied and Acadian Flycatchers, White-eyed Vireo,Worm-eating Warbler,the last two at Tryon Park.

The week ending May 29 was notable for the almost complete lack of shorebird migrants. Of unusual occurance was the record of a Kentucky Warbler,one of the 33 species of warblers for May.

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The Month

June was the first month of the year which adhered closely to normal. Mean temperature was 1.3 degrees above average, due mostly to a heat wave during the week of the 20th. Percipitation was 2.77 inches, almost exactly normal, but one-third of the total fell on the first day, making the month generally a period of clear skies. Due to war-time conditions very few records were received from our observers, and conclusions based upon them are difficult to make. Since the warbler migration started late this year, it seemed logical to expect that there would be a substantial carry-over into the first week of June. No such phenomenon was reported, and this observer found no migrants whatever at that time. Guelf believes that the Black Terns which he saw at Sandy Creek on the 23rd were nesting there; the Lesser Yellowlegs which he reported the same day was a most unusual record; possibly the bird had suffered some injury earlier. Ulrich reported House Wrens more numerous in the city than usual. Henslow's Sparrows were definitely scarce, and Short-billed Marsh Wrens were still unreported at the month's end.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS - JUNE

Redhead	May 31	1	Male - Camelot Beach, Ont. (Pause)
Am. Golden-eye	June 20	1	Niagara Gorge (Thorpe)
White-winged Scoter	May 8 (F)	6	Clarence (Bert Wright)
	June 1	1	Niagara Falls (Maxwell rep. Thorpe)
Bald Eagle	" 5	1	E. Aurora (Beardslee)
Osprey	" 5	2	Dick Rd. Marsh (Andrle)
Ruddy Turnstone	" 1	10	Canadian Shore (Bert Wright)
Wilson Snipe	" 1	1	Starin & Kenmore Ave. (Andrle)
Upland Plover	" 5	11	Dick and Maple Rd. (Andrle)
Spotted Sandpiper	" 27	1 and 1 young (caught)	Taunton & Parker Ave. (Andrle)
L. Yellow-legs	" 23	1	Sandy Harbor (Guelf)
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 1	8	Canadian Shore (Bert Wright)
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	" 1	15	" " " "
Forster's Tern	" 1	1	Pt. Abino, Ont. (Bert Wright)
Black Tern	" 15	1	Sinks near Chaffee (Klepfer)
	" 23	6	Sandy Harbor (Guelf)
Screech Owl	" 30-July 6th	6	Springville (Bert Wright)
Barred Owl	" 8	1	Gowanda (Mitchell)
Short-eared Owl	May 30	2	Staley Rd. Grand Is. (Brockner)

Whip-poor-will	June 6	1	calling at dusk, Grand Is. (Hendrxy, rep. Klepfer)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	" 3	1	Lincoln Pk. (Andrle)
Olive-backed Thrush	" 10	1	Freshly killed in road O.O. (Beardslee)
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	May 20	1	Delaware Pk. (Brockner)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	" 6 (F)	1	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Sycamore Warbler	" 30 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Seeber) First record in this territory - details in later issue.
Conn. Warbler	" 20	2	Delaware Pk. (Brockner)
Yellow-breasted Chat	June 14	1	calling near Scouthaven Entrance Crystal Lake (Klepfer) again located heard calling, June 25 (Mitchell)
Hooded Warbler	" 30	1	Holley (Beardslee)
Orchard Oriole	May 30 & 31	18	noted in 2 day trip between Ft. Erie & Mohawk Pt., Ont. (Pause)

NESTS

N- nest E- eggs Yn- young in nest Yo- young out of nest

Pied-billed Grebe	5/16/43	N.-5E	Lyndonville (W.A.Smith & C. Smith)
Black Duck	5/22/43	4 Yo	Del. Pk. (Mrs. Smith)
Blue-winged Teal	6/1/43	13 Yo	Gainesville (Mr.&Mrs. E.V. Smit
Red-shouldered Hawk	4/11/43	N	Shelby (Somerside)
Marsh Hawk	5/16/43	N - 4E	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
	5/29/43	probable N	E. Concord Bog (Thorpe and Maxwell)
Florida Gallinule	5/16/43	building N	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
		" "	" " " "
Killdeer	4/17/43	N Y E	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
Mourning Dove	4/23/43	building N	Goat Is. (Beardslee)
" "	5/16/43	Yo just out of nest	Canadian Shore (Mirchell et al)
" "	5/16/43	N 2E	Dunkirk (W.F. Stanley etal)
" "	5/16/43	16N	Lyndonville Sanctuary (W.A. & C. Smith) (ranging from 1E; 2E; 1Yn-1E; 2Yn)
Screech Owl	6/2/43	Y just out of nest in old apple tree in yard of John Trefts, Hamburg (rep. Mitchell)	
	6/27/43	3Yo with Ad. Grey phase - Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell)	
Great Horned Owl	3/21/43	N	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
" " "	3/23/43	2 Yn	Wanakah (Bert Wright)
" " "	4/11/43	2 N	Grand Is. (Seeber, Webster)
" " "	4/12/43	N 2Yn	" " (Andrle, Pause,Filor)
Flicker	5/16/43	N	Collins (Tilley et al.)
Phoebe	5/16/43	N 4E	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
Tree Swallow	5/12/43	N	O.O. Beardslee
	5/16/43	3 pr. building N.	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith
	7/5/43	young left nest,	Kenmore (Beardslee)
Cliff Swallow	7/29/43	20N in colony East Concord (Maxwell rep. Thorpe) 2 other colonies near Collins Center	
Catbird	5/30/43	2N - 4E	Evans Bay (Thorpe-Maxwell)
Robin	numerous nests reported		(many members)
"	5/16/43	26 N	Lyndonville Sanctuary (W.A. & C. Smith)

Bluebird	5/16/43	N 5E	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
"	5/16/43	N 4E	Holland (James)
N. Water Thrush	5/16/43	2 carrying nesting material - Gainesville (Mrs. E.V. Smith)	
Redwinged Blackbird	5/16/43	8 N	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
Orchard Oriole	5/31/43	F on N, M nearby, LowBanks, Ont. (Pause)	
" "	6/20/43	Y about ready to leave nest, Wanakah (Bert Wright)	
Bronzed Grackle	5/16/43	N 4Yn	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
Field Sparrow	6/9/43	N 4E	Lincoln Pk. (Seeber)
Song Sparrow	5/16/43	N 5E	Lyndonville (W.A.& C. Smith)
" "	5/30/43	N 4Yn	Evans Bay (Thorpe, Maxwell)

The Cardinal in Western New York
(continued from June issue)

As one glances over the records down the years a great disparity in the number appears. For a long time there may be scattered reports totaling small numbers of cardinals, then suddenly reports in some numbers come from many places. Mr. Harold Mitchell believes that they may appear in cycles, coming in great numbers during a season or two and then falling off again for several years. The years 1938 - 39 would seem to bear him out in this theory. In the fall of 1937 only three were reported and those from Chautauqua.

Suddenly many appeared. On the spring census twenty were reported and that summer nesting records came in from several places. In the fall instead of falling off, the numbers increased. In November and December cardinal records came from everywhere, from the Canadian shore to Batavia and from places south and east of Buffalo where none had been reported before.

On the following January 2nd, a tally of twenty-two made the greatest number ever seen here in a single day. The spring census noted twenty-one individuals, but by fall few were being reported and all from the Cattaraugus Creek Valley. Observers on the Christmas census found none except three in Chautauqua.

On the other hand, Clark Beardslee is inclined to think that cardinals have been steadily increasing in our territory of late years and that whatever discrepancies appear in numbers may be due mainly to accidental circumstances and to the difficulty in covering all the territory adequately, especially in the fall and winter census. For example, in November and December 1938 the Prothonetary reported cardinals from Grand Island, Orchard Park, Canadian Shore, Transit Road, Chestnut Ridge, Batavia, East Aurora, Amherst, Williamsville and January 2, 1939 brought in reports of twenty-two seen over a wide area in a single day. Yet, on the 1938 Christmas census observers found only eight and all on Grand Island.

That they are here in larger numbers than formerly seems certain. The bird that not so many years ago was an accidental visitant and a straggler, now would be conspicuous by its absence on any census. The following table tells its own story:

Year	Spring Census	Christmas Census	Year	Spring Census	Christmas Census
1935	10	3 (Chautauqua)	1940	19	4 (Grand Is.)
1937	7	2 (Chautauqua)	1941	5 (Gr. Is.& Or. Park)	7
1938	20	8 (Grand Island)			
1939	21	3 (Chautauqua)	1942	11	10
			1943	14	

Correspondingly larger numbers of nesting records keep coming in. In the peak years 1938-39 such records came from Grand Island, Batavia, Gowanda, and Alleghany Park.

That they are non-migratory is perhaps open to question, invariably there are more reported in the spring census than in the fall and winter ones, and the Christmas census finds them largely in selected places. For example, after the peak number of twenty-one over a wide area in May, only three were reported at Christmas and those all from Chautauqua. In the previous year, after twenty were reported in the

spring census, the Christmas census report was eight, and all on grand Island. On the other hand, the largest number ever reported on a single day was in January 1939, and all during the winter, records of cardinals come in. January, 1941, for example, brought cardinal reports from Holland, Grand Island, Niagara Falls, Wilson, Hamburg, and in addition, in March from Jamestown, Queenstown, Springville, Lakeview, Snyder and Angola. Only five were reported on the May census that year from Tifft Street, from Letchworth Park, Gowanda and the Canadian shore. Later in the same year they were seen at Zoar Valley, Point Abino, the Canadian shore, and East Aurora, and in Buffalo on Kensington Avenue and Wingate Avenue. That year seven were reported on the Christmas census. If cardinals are not migratory, at least they are great roamers.

This year so far cardinals have been regularly reported from Grand Island and Point Abino. All January a pair came regularly to a feeding station in Eggertsville and in February another pair was at Fredonia. During May a pair stayed in the block between South Ellicott Street and Garrison Road in Williamsville; about the first of June they disappeared only to reappear again two weeks later. Another pair is presumably nesting in the Harris Hill woods near Sheridon Drive where they have been since the middle of April. Others are seen regularly at Lewiston and Niagara Falls. The numbers reported have been fairly steady- ten at the Christmas census, eleven on the Spring Duck Census, fourteen in May. In comparison with the last two meager years, cardinals seem again to be on the increase, and may under proper environment become permanent residents in some of the areas they have now adopted.

Marie Wendling

NOTES

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life reports two migration waves in May, on the 7th to 9th and again on the 18th and 19th. Central American migrants arrived in the early wave at the same time as a belated general arrival of Towhee and Chipping Sparrow. A big flight of White-crowned Sparrows and Tennessee Warblers was noted. Terns were very late in arriving, as were Chimney Swifts. Blue-grey Gnatcatcher dates of May 7th-11th correspond well with our Western New York migration records. There were an unusual number of White-eyed Vireo records, along with such rarities as Summer Tanager, 3 records, and Blue Grosbeak. Parula Warblers, unusually common in western New York this spring, occured in poor numbers in Massachusetts.

Records from Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G. Edson include a pair of Yellow-breasted Chats, apparently nesting at Palmer's Glen. Among the species reported for June are Least Bittern, Coot, Black Tern, Golden-winged, Cerulean, and Hooded Warblers, Cardinal and Purple Finch.

We congratulate John H. Doyle on the completion of his training and his graduation as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Force. He is now located at Freeman Field, A.A.F.A.T.S. Flight #1 , Seymour, Ind. Good work, Johnny.

Larry Murphy, while at Atlantic City, N.J., noted many birds, new to him, including Black Skimmer, Fish Crow, Least Tern and Seaside Sparrow. He is now a Private, First Class, in the 9th Technical School Squadron of the U.S. Army at Fort Logan, Col. He has listed 40 species at the post itself and many more on a 15 mile walk to the foot hills of the Rockies, including Lincoln's Sparrow, and our Eastern Kingbird, as well as the more common Arkansas Kingbird.

PROGRAM

Field Trip: Sunday, August 22nd along the Canadian Shore, meet at ferry landing at foot of Ferry Street at 8:00 A.M.

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July was above normal in temperature by 1.6 degrees. Rain fell on 16 days, but in such light amounts that the total was only 1.73 inches as compared to normal of 3.03. There were no high winds . Thus no weather conditions calculated to affect bird life adversely occured. We, therfore, surmise that birds went about their duties "according to plan " during July. Shorebirds initiated the 1943 fall migration by appearing along the Canadian shore during the fore part of the month. Abnormally high water ,however, reduced their numbers markedly, and in number of species observed,the flight was far below normal.

Several of our observers had an opportunity to study summer resident warblers, and that family made an unusually good showing.

Noteworthy Records - July

Loon	July 6	1 Im.	Red House Lake,Alleg. St. Pk	(Vaughans)
Red-br. Merganser	" 25,29,31,	1	Canadian Shore	(Andrle et al)
Turkey Vulture	" 7	1	Alleg. St.Pk.	(Vaughans)
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 4	1	Letchworth Ok.	(Thorpe et al)
	19	1 (collected while attacking Barn Swallows in barn)	Gainesville.	(E.V.Smiths)
cooper's Hawk	" 4	1	Castile,	(Thorpe et al)
Semipalmated Plover	" 25	8	Canadian Shore	(Andrle et al)
Black- Bell. Plover	May 30,31 (F)	1	" "	" " "
Ruddy Turnstone	July 25,27,29	2,3	Windmill Pt. Ont.	(" " "
Solitary Sandpiper	" 21	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(")
L. Yellow-legs	" 15	2	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
	17	5	Canadian Shore	(Andrle et al)
Least Sandpiper	" 11	1	Rose Hill,Ont-	(")
Semipalmated Sandpiper	" 17	37	Canadian Shore	(" et al)
Sanderling	" 25,27,29,31-3,21	along Canadian Shore		(" " "
Bonaparte's Gull	" 11	4	Grand Island	(Brockner)
	15	5	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
Black Tern	" 15	1	" "	"
	" 17	5	Peace Bridge	(Andrle et al)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	" 2	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 4	1	Letchworth Pk	(Thorpe et al)
	14	2	Eden	(Andrle)
Black-billed Cuckoo	" 6	2	Alleg. St. Pk	(Vaughans)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 4	1	Letchworth Pk	(Thorpe et al)

Red-head. Woodpecker	July 6	1 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm.C.Vaughans)
		(This bird is unusual in the Alleg. St. Pk. area)	
Yellow-Bell. Sapsucker	" 4	3 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
Alder Flycatcher	" 17	1 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 23	2 Pembroke	(Beardslee)
Least "	" 7	4 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm.C.Vaughans)
	" 31	1 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Short-Bld. Marsh Wren	May 30-31(F)	1 Canadian Shore	(Andrle et al)
	July 16,26,31-	6-12 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 23	1 E. Pembroke	(Beardslee)
Olive-bk. Thrush	" 4	1 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
Blue-headed Vireo	" 4	2 " "	" " "
	" 6	3 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm. C. Vaughans)
	" 7	4 " " "	" " "
Black & White Warbler	" 4	1 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 7	1 Alleg. St. Pk	(Wm. C. Vaughans)
Magnolia Warbler	" 4	Common at Letchw. Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 14	2 Eden	(Andrle)
Black-Th. Blue Warbler	" 4	1 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
Black-th. Gr. Warbler	" 4	Many at Letchworth Pk	(" " ")
	" 7	3 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm. C.Vaughans)
	" 14	5 Eden	(Andrle)
	" 18	2 Letchworth Pk.	(Brockner)
	" 25	4 Chestnut Ridge Pk.	(")
Blackburnian Warbler	" 4	14 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 7	2 Alleg. St. Pk.	(WM.C. Vaughans)
Chest.-sided Warbler	" 6	1 Wander's Farm,Orchard Park.	(E. Ulrich)
	" 6	22 Alleg. St. Pk.	(WM.C.Vaughans)
	" 7	14 " " "	" " "
	" 16	2 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Pine Warbler	" 4	1 Letchworth Pk	(Thorpe et al)
N. Water Thrush	" 27	1 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
La. Water Thrush	" 14	1 Eden	(Andrle)
Mourning Warbler	" 6	1 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm.C.Vaughans)
Hooded Warbler	" 13,14,15-3	Eden	(Andrle)
Canada Warbler	" 6 & 7	6 (4 y) Alleg. St.Pk-	(Wm. C. Vaughans)
Redstart	" 4	Several at Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 6,7	7-11 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm. C.Vaughans)
	" 11	1 Grand Island	(Brockner)
Orchard Oriole	" 4	1 female Castile	(Thorps et al)
Cardinal	"	1 pair still in Harris Hill woods.	(Wendling)
	"	1 regularly seen in Williamsville	(")
	" 25	1 n. of LeRoy	(Beardslee)
Scarlet Tanager	Many records from many members		
Rose-Br. Grosbeak	" " " " "		
Indigo Bunting	" " " " "		
Purple Finch	July	1 seen frequently	,Gainesville(E.V.Smiths)
	" 4	3 Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et all)
	" 6,7	2 Alleg. St. Pk.	(Wm.C.Vaughans)
	" 19	1 Lyndonville	(V.L.Smith)

2 New Species for May-- Black-bellied Plover & Short-billed Marsh Wren.

Total species at end of July--- 229
Last year st end of July --- 239
(Difference due entirely to lack of shorebirds.)

ADDITIONAL NESTING RECORDS

N-nest. E-eggs YN- young in nest YO-young out of the nest.

Pied-billed Grebe	June 6	N (hatched)	Lyndonville	(W.A. Smith)
Green Heron	" 6	N3E	"	" " "
Wood Duck	" 6	N 12 E	"	" " "
	July 25	6 YO	E. Pembroke	(Pause)
	" 25	4 YO	"	"
Marsh Hawk	June 6	N. 4 E	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Virginia Rail	" 6	N10E	"	" " "
Florida Gallinule	" 6	N 13 E	"	" " "
Kildeer	" 6	N (robbed)	"	" " "
	" 24	N 4 E	Sheridan Dr.	(Wendling)
Spotted Sandpiper	July11	N 4 E	Crescent Bch. Ont.	(Andrle)
Mourning Dove	June 6	8 N	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Nighthawk	July 15	N 2 E	Museum	(Thorpe)
Flicker	June 6	N	Lyndonville	(W. .Smith)
	July11	YO	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Red-hd. Woodpecker	" 11	YN	Rose Hill, Ont.	(Andrle)
Downy "	" 11	YO	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Kingbird	" 4	N 2 Y	Castile	(Thorpe et al)
Alder Flycatcher	June 6	2 N (building)	Lyndonville	(W.A. Smith)
Phoebe	July 8	N 4 Y	"	" " "
Barn Swallow	" 4	N 2 E	Letchworth Pk.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 7	flocks up to 300. Yg in vicinity of Gainesville		(Smiths)
Tree Swallow	June 6	N 4 E, N5E, N5E,N,	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Purple Martin	" 6	14 N	"	" " "
	July 11	20 N	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Blue Jay	June	2YN	Clarksburg	(Dr. Mols)
House Wren	" 6	N	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	July 11	3N	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Catbird	June 6	4N4E,N1E,N,	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	July 11	2N	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Robin	June 6	15N	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Bluebird	" 6	N4Y	"	" " "
Yellow Warbler	" 6	2N5E,N4E	"	" " "
	July 11	N with Yn cowbird.	Nia. Falls	(Rogerson)
Baltimore Oriole	June 6	N	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	July 11	3 N	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Bronzed Grackle	June 6	YN	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Red-wing	" 6	23 N with eggs or Yg or both, also 2N (building and 3 empty .	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Chipping Sparrow	" 6	2N3E(both with 1 cowbird egg.	Lyndonville,	(W.A .Smith)
	July 11	YO	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Song Sparrow	June 6	N4E, N1E	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	July 11	YO	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 20	N4E((Yg left the nest Aug. 11)	Sheridan Drive	(Wendling)
	" 23	N4E (Yg left nest Aug. 14-17.	Harris Hill Woods	(")

NOTES

Records for July from Rochester, N.Y., as reported by Mr. W.L.G. Edson, include Baldpate, Black Tern, Hooded and Golden-winged Warbler. Shorebird migrants were late, as Least Sandpiper was not noted until the week ending July 23 and the Semipalmated Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpipers were first noted the following week.

H.D.M.

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August was almost exactly normal in temperature, although it furnished some warm and some cold days which offset each other. From the 26th to the 29th, a very cool spell accelerated the southward migration of the land birds. On the morning of the 28th a low of 45 degrees was recorded, within one degree of the all time record for August. On that day and the next , a wave of warblers filledthe parks and overflowed into the residential districts. The first half of the month had been warm , and prior to the cool spell mentioned above, the migration was both late and thin. High water covered much of the rocky shores of Lake Erie and all of the rocks at Niagara Falls which had been exposed in 1942, making it exceptionally difficult to get a representative list of shore birds.

Noteworthy Records - August

Least Bittern	July	27	4	Sherkston ,Ont.	(Bert Wright)
	Aug.	19	6	" "	" "
Pintail	"	17	5	Beaver Is.	(Andrle, Hedley)
Wood Duck	"	3	3	O.O.	(Mitchell)
	"	17	10	Grand Is.	(Andrle, Hedley)
	"	28	11	Pike, N.Y.	(Andrle)
	"	31	4	Sinking Ponds	(Andrle)
White-winged Scoter	"	17(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Andrle, Hedley)
Bald Eagle	"	15	1	East Pembroke	(Pause)
	"	19	1	Rock House Pt., Ont.	(Bert Wright)
Hungarian Partridge	"	30(F)	6-7	Ashford	(Somerside)
Bl.-bellied Plover	"	5,6,15th.	-1	Canadian Shore	(Andrle)
	"	19	8	Rock House Pt. Ont.	(Bert Wright)
	"	20	2	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
	"	22	1	Canadian Shore	(Mitchell et al)
Ruddy Turnstone	"	5	9	" "	(Andrle)
	"	15	8	" "	"
Hudsonian Curlew	"	30(F)	1	Morgan Pt. Ont.	(Bert Wright)
Upland Plover	"	23(L)	4	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Pectoral Sandpiper	July	27(F)	1	Canadian Shore	(Bert Wright)
Pileated Woodpecker	Aug.	25	1	Pike, N.Y.	(Andrle)
Yel.-bellied Flycatcher	"	28(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	"	28	2	Lincoln Park	(Andrle)
	"	31	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Mitchell)
	"	31	1	Sinking Ponds	(Andrle)

Olive-sided Flycatcher	Aug 24 (F)	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 27	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Klepfer)
	" 28	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 28	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Andrle)
Cliff Swallow	" 28(L)	10-12	Concord	(Somerside)
Red-Br'ted Nuthatch	" 24	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Short-bil. Marsh Wren	" 3	3	Near E. Pembroke	(Mitchell)
	" 12	1	E. Pembroke(different location than the above record)(Beardslee)	
	" 12	1	N. Java	(Beardslee)
Black & White Warbler	" 15(F)	1	Deleware Park	(Eames)
Tennessee Warbler	" 28(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Andrle)
Nashville Warbler	" 28(F)	4	" " "	"
	" 28	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Magnolia Warbler	" 22(F)	1	Canadian Shore	(Mitchell et al)
Cape May Warbler	" 20 (F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
	" 20	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Andrle, Headley)
Bl.-t'ted Blue Warbler	" 30(F)	1	Crescent Beach,Ont	(Andrle)
" " Green "	" 28(F)	1	Lincoln Park	(")
Cerulean Warbler	" 29(F)	1	Kenmore	(Beardslee)
Blackburnian Warbler	" 23(F)	2	Crescent Beach,Ont.	(Andrle)
Chest.-sided Warbler	" 19(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Bay-br'ted Warbler	" 20(F)	1	" "	(Beardslee)
Blackpoll Warbler	" 20(F)	1	" "	"
La. Water Thrush	" 6(F)	1	" "	(Rogerson)
Conn. Warbler	" 31(F)	1	" "	"
Hooded Warbler	" 24(F)	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Wilson's Warbler	" 27(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Canada Warbler	" 15(F)	1	" "	"
Cardinal	" 8	2	Grand Island	(Brockner)
	" 23	2	Rose Hill,Ont.	(Andrle)

Total species from January 1st to Aug. 1st.		229
New for August	(Hungarian Partridge)	1
	Total year to date	230 species

The Relative Abundance of Grasshopper and Hemslow's Sparrows in Western NewYork

As the 1944 season has progressed ,I have been more and more conscious of the scarcity of the Henslow's Sparrow in western New York this year. The number of Grasshopper Sparrow records in my notes appeared proportionately large . Curious to know how accurate this impression really was ,I have examined my notes of previous years. Most of my records are based upon singing birds heard as I have driven through the countryside on business trips, which this year have been greatly curtailed.

Henslow's Sparrow records were extremely few prior to 1930,when Bourne found a station near Davis Road, Between Lincoln Park and the Niagara Boulevard. A few days later I found a nest at this location, but since I watched it closely until the young left, my Henslow's Sparrow records for 1930 were very numerous and would give an erroneous impression of abundance. I have therefore started with the year 1931 in the data given below. The figure for any particular year represents the ratio of Grasshopper Sparrow records to Henslow's Sparrow records:

1931 -- 0.8	1936 -- 1.0	1940 -- 4.9
1932 -- 0.6	1937 -- 7.3	1941 -- 1.1
1933 -- 0.5	1938 -- 3.3	1942 -- 2.2
1934 -- 0.4	1939 -- 2.0	1943 -- 11.9
1935 -- 1.9		

I have omitted records later than August 1st. In my experience, Grasshopper Sparrows gradually cease singing during the first week of August, so that while they

may be heard up to the 10th (and rarely later),an accurate count of the species can not be based upon singing males after August 1st. Henslow's Sparrows ,on the other hand,sing regularly and strongly up to August 16th. Indicative of the inadvisability of considering records after August 1 in a comparison of this kind is the fact that on July 23 of this year I recorded 26 Grasshopper and 4 Henslow's Sparrows, while on August 12th. I recorded 6 Henslow's and no Grasshopper Sparrows on a longer trip.

I think that Grasshopper Sparrows are more numerous and Henslow's Sparrows are less numerous than at any time during the past twelve years. This conclusion, based upon total numbers of each species, is borne out by the unusually high ratio (11.9) for 1943. It is interesting to note that during recent years there seems to be a definite tendency on the part of both species to be more numerous every third year, but that for some reason a high point for one is a low point for the other. Why this should be true of two closely related species of almost identical habits and environmental tastes,it is difficult to understand. Perhaps too much reliance should not be placed upon one observer's records over a relatively short period of years. A few days ago, while this paper was in preparation ,Winston Brockner asked me, "Don't you think Henslow's Sparrows are awfully scarce this year?" What do other observers think ?

Clark S. Beardslee

Notes

Our government has regularly,been taking into the armed forces many of the younger members of our organization. Some have already been in active service,and many are now receiving their training. Recently, our president ,Ward Klepfer, answered the c ll and left to take over his duties as an ensign in the United States Navy. We shall miss his pleasing personality and the ready willingness in which he entered into the activities of our society.

E.C.U.

Meetings

October 13th. Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science 8:00 P.M. Wed.
Annual meeting Election of officers Plans for fall duck census

October 27th Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science 8:00 P.M. Wed.
To be announced later.

Trips

Sunday October 17-- Fall duck census -- Harold D. Mitchell,378 Crescent Ave.Un8532

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September started with a midsummer heat wave. High temperatures were recorded throughout the first week (92 on the first ,84 on the third, 83 on the fourth,87 on the sixth). Warblers were present in good numbers throughout this period. Abruptly on the ninth the weather turned cool,and remained so consistently subnormal that at the month's end several records had been set. The minimum of 35 degrees on the 26th equalled the lowest September temperature ever recorded. Just as remarkable,since they were earlier in the month ,were the lows of 38 degrees on the twelfth and 37 degrees on the 18th. The result of this protracted cold wave was a very noted acceleration of the warbler migration. The earlier migrants thinned out rapidly ,and swarms of Myrtles took their place. By the twentieth of the month the season was about a week advanced. The last four days of themonth saw such a decided change in t he weather ,however,culminating in a high of 80 degrees on the thirtieth, that some of the late stragglers (e.g. , Magnolia,Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue) seemed to have disappeared completely before the warmer weather set in. Strangely enough,Nighthawks were reported by many observers almost daily right up to the 29th,which is exceptionally late. High water and low gasoline combined to cut d own shore bird records.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Loon	Sept.18	1	Crystal Beach	(Andrle)
Dbl-cr. Cormorant	" 27 (F)	5	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell)
Gt. Blue Heron	March 9 (F)	1	Angola	(D. Jameson)
Am. Egret	Sept.11	1	O.O.	(Wright)
	" 25	1	O.O.	(Andrle, Filor)
Least Bittern	" 27	1	Sherkston,Ont.	(Wright)
Baldpate	" 11	6	O.O.	(")
	" 27	45	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
Bald Eagle	" 18	1	Pt. Colborne,Ont.	(Andrle,Filor)
Duck Hawk	" 11	2	O.O.	(Wright)
Sora	" 19	3	BurntShip Creek	(Brockner et al.)
Woodcock	" 12	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
Spotted Sandpiper	" 27	1	Sherkston,Ont.	(Wright)
Knot	" 23 (F)	1	Can Shore	(Mansfield,Hickman)
	" 27	2	Rock House Pt.,Ont	(Wright)
Baird's Sandpiper	" 3 (F)	1	Beaver Isnlad	(Andrle, Filor)
Least "	" 25	2	O.O.	(" ")
Gt. Blackebacked Gull	" 3 (F)	1	Beaver Island	(" ")
Caspian Tern	" 11 (L)	2	O.O.	(Wright)

Yellow-b. Cuckoo	Sept 18 (L)	1	Delaware Park	(Mitchell)
Black-b. Cuckoo	" 19 (L)	1	East Aurora	(Webster)
Gr. Horned Owl	" 12	1	Leroy	(Hazelton)
Nighthawk	" 29 (L)	2	Buffalo	(Andrle)
Chimney Swift	" 28 (L)	3	Goat Island	(Beardslee, Mitchel
Hummingbird	" 18 (L)	1	Delaware Park	(Mitchell)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	" 12 & daily in dooryard-Leroy			(Hazelton)
	" 30	1	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
Sapsucker	" 19 (F)	1	Grand Island	(Brockner et al.)
	" 19 (F)	2	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
Kingbird	" 15 (L)	1	O.O.	(Beardslee)
Alder Flycatcher	" 10 (L)	1	Elmwood&Delavan	(Brockner)
Wood Pewee	" 19 (L)	1	Grand Island	(" et al)
Bank Swallow	" 12 (L)	1	Ft. Erie ,Ont.	(Andrle)
Rgh-wg. Swallow	" 19	16	Grand Island	(Brockner et al)
Barn "	" 12 (L)	1	Ft. Erie,Ont	(Andrle)
Cliff "	" 12 (L)	1	" " "	"
Purple Martin	" 15 (L)	12	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
Winter Wren	" 21 (F)	1	Lincoln Park	(Andrle)
Short-b. Marsh Wren	" 16		Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
	" 25	1	O.O.	(Andrle, Filor)
Wood Thrush	" 22 (L)	1	Goat Island	(Mitchell, Beardsle
Bicknell's Thrush			See Notes	
Gray-cheeked "	" 12 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(")
Bluebird	March 10 (F)	15	Angola	(D. Jameson)
Golden -cr. Kinglet	Sept 23 (F)		Can. Shore	(Mansfield & Hickman
Ruby-cr. "	" 18 (F)	1	Sherkston,Ont.	(Andrle, Filor)
Pipit	" 27 (F)	6	Rock House Pt. Ont	(Wright)
Yellow-thr. Vireo	" 8 (L)	1	Delaware Park	(Andrle)
Blue-hd- "	" 6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
Philadelphia "	" 6 (F)	1	" "	"
Parula Warbler	" 17 (F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Yellow "	" 3 (L)	1	Grand Island	(Andrle et al)
Myrtle "	" 13 (F)	12	Goat Island	(Beardslee)
Blackburnian Warbler	" 13 (L)	2	" "	"
Bay-breasted "	" 25 (L)	2	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
W. Palm "	" 11 (F)	1	" "	"
Connecticut "	" 8	2	Delaware Park	(Eames)
	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	(Andrle)
	" 16 (L)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Mourning "	" 6 (L)	1	Delaware Park	(Eames)
Canada "	" 23(L)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Bobolink	" 17 (L)	30	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
Baltimore Oriole	" 8 (L)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
	" 8 (I)	3	Forest Lawn	(Andrle)
Rusty Blackbird	" 25 (F)	47	O.O.	(Andrle, Filor)
Scarlet Tanager	" 29	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Rose-br. Grosbeak	" 22 (L)	2	Delaware Park	(Webster)
Indigo Bunting	" 12 (L)	2	Canadian Shore	(Andrle)
	" 12 (L)	4	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	(Brockner)
Grasshopper Sparrow	" 15 (L)	5	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
White-crowned Sparrow	" 25 (F)	3	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
White-throated Sparrow	" 12 (F)	3	Canadian Shore	(Andrle)
Lincoln's Sparrow	" 18 (F)	5	Gainesville	(Mrs. Smith)
	" 18 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Klepfer)

Additional Nesting Records

Woodcock	Apr. 18	N4E	Angola	(D. Jameson)
Junco	Aug. 27	Yg.left nest	Clarksburg	(Mols)

Total Species from January 1st to August 1st	230
New for September(Knot,Baird's Sandpiper,Pipit)	3
1943 total to Oct.1	233 species

NOTES

Wheeler Rogerson sends in a list of exactly 100 species observed in his yard at 4 016 Cliff St., Niagara Falls, so far this year. This remarkable little sanctuary boasts such records as Chat, Olive-sided Flycatcher,Mockingbird, and Orchard Oriole,while a Bald Eagle was observed from his window on May 20.

Our apologies to Dolores Jameson for having mislaid her early spring records, included in this issue for the first time.

Harold Mitchell and Mildred Rosa found what they believe to be a Bicknell's Thrush on Sept.19 at the small pond in Forest Lawn. Its small size in comparison with other thrushes was noted. Clark Beardslee saw another in his yard in Kenmore on October 12. It appeared to be no larger than the White-throated Sparrow which was near it.

Some exceptionally good records were turned in by our Rochester friends. Noteworthy were the following:

Week ending Sept.10: Upland Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Caspian Tern, Hermit Thrush, Pine Warbler, and Leconte's Sparrow.

Week ending Sept. 17: Pintail, Lesser Scaup,Winter Wren, Veery, Yellow Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, Indigo Bunting and White-throated Sparrow.

Week ending Sept. 24: Osprey, Knot, Baird's Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, and Cerulean Warbler.

Week ending Oct.1:Wood Pewee, Canada Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, and White-crowned Sparrow.

MEETINGS

Oct. 27. Wed. 8P.M. -Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science.
Report of the duck census.

Nov.10. Wed.-8P.M.- Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science
Topic to be announced later.

Monday Evening October 25. at Kathryn Lawrence Tea Room following the annual meeting and dinner of the Buffalo Audubon Society ,Charles Albert Harwell will lecture on birds "From Sea to High Sierra" in technicolor. Invitations are extended to ornithologists to attend the lecture and dinner or the lecture only.
Dinner,6:15($1.50) Make reservations with Harold Mitchell Lecture,8:00P.M.

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At the annual meeting , a major problem confronted our organization. Active participation of the younger members in the armed services and the heavy demands of the war on the time of the whole membership narrowed the choice of officers to a very limited few. The nominating committee in naming its choice of officers for he coming year follwed the suggestion of the last president,Ward Klepfer, and retained in their slate the present officers ,nominating for those vacancies,created by absence from the city,older members of the organization. The meeting voted to elect the following officers for the coming year.

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The Month

October on the whole was a cold , wet month, ending with a mean temperature three degrees below normal and with precipitation of 4.01 inches as compared with normal of 3.29 . The coldest period came in mid-month , and was punctuated by snow on the 17th and 18th. Some very surprising records of small land birds, particularly on the duck census of the 17th, will be found below. These tardy migrants were doubtless influenced by the relatively mild , pleasant weather which prevailed from t he 6th to the 16th. The latter half of the month was cold enough to start the vanguard of the winter ducks southward, although they were poorly represented at the month's end.

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	Oct.3		3	Flying over Forest Lawn	(Andrle)
Holboell's Grebe	" 31	(F)	2	Niagara Falls	(")
Pied-billed "	" 6		2	Burnt Ship Creek	(")
D.C.Cormorant	" 6	(F)	7	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell)
Green Heron	" 5	(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(")
Am. Bittern	" 24		1	Batavia	(Pixley)
Whistling Swan	" 30	(F)	1	Crescent Beach, Ont.	(Andrle)
Canada Goose	" 16	(F)	flock	Evans Bay	(T.Berner, rep. Thorpe)
Shoveller	" 6	(F)	1	Hyde Park	(Mitchell)
Wood Duck	"25		1	Grand Island	(Mitchell, Harwell, Thorpe)
Ring-necked Duck	" 23	(F)	3	Bear Lake	(Stanley)
	" 23	(F)	7	Burnt Ship Creek	(Andrle, Pause)
Am. Golden-eye	" 20	(F)	4	Hyde Park	(Mitchell)
Bufflehead	" 30	(F)	25	Pt. Abino, Ont.	(", Wright)
Old Squaw	" 23	(F)	80	Niagara River	(")
Surf Scoter	" 30	(F)	7	Canadian Shore	(" , Wright)
Amer. Scoter	" 30		40	" "	(" , ")
Ruddy Duck	" 24	(F)	3	Batavia	(Pixley)
Amer. Merganser	Sept.30		4	Grand Island	(Somerside)
Turkey Vulture	Oct.24	(L)	3	O.O.	(Pixley)
Broad-winged Hawk	" 30		8	Canadian Shore	(Andrle)
Osprey	" 30		1	" "	"
Lesser Yellowlegs	" 31		2	Beaver Island	(")
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 31	(F)	1	" "	(Wright)
Forster's Tern	"23		1	Niagara River	(Mitchell)
	" 30		2	Ft. Erie, Ont.	(" ,Wright)
Common Tern	" 30		2	" " "	(" ")

Black Tern	Oct.30	(L)	1	Fort Erie,Ont.	(Mitchell, Wright)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	" 12	(L)	1	Beaver Island	(Andrle)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 23		1	Bear Lake	(Stanley)
Sapsucker	" 6	(L)	2	Buffalo	(Brockner)
Crest. Flycatcher	Sept 12	(L)	1	Lincoln Park	(Somerside)
Phoebe	Oct.24		1	Dunkirk(Schober, Stanley, Meroney)	
Least Flycatcher	" 6	(L)	1	Goat Island	(Mitchell)
Wood Pewee	" 12	(L)	1	Beaver Island	(Andrle)
Barn Swallow	Sept.15	(L)	3	Town Line Rd	(Webster)
Tufted Titmouse	Oct.23		1	Irving	(Wright)
Brown Thrasher	" 3	(L)	2	Forest Lawn	(Andrle)
Olive-backed Thrush	" 9	(L)	1	Delaware Park	(Mitchell)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Sept.24	(L)	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 15	(F)	1	Lincoln Park	(Somerside)
	Oct.30		5	Ft. Erie ,Ont	(Mitchell, Wright)
Pipit	" 9		14	Sherkston ,Ont.	(Andrle)
Yellow-Thr. Vireo	Sept.15	(L)	1	Batavia	(Pixley)
Warbling Vireo	" 13	(L)	1	"	(")
Tennessee Warbler	Oct.7	(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
Orange-cr. "	" 11	(L)	1	" "	(Beardslee)
Parula "	" 21	(L)	1	Buffalo	(Andrle)
Magnolia "	Sept. 21	(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Brockner)
Cape May "	Oct. 2	(L)	2	Grand Island	(Andrle)
Bl.-Th. Blue"	" 24	(L)	1	Erie Beach ,Ont.	(")
Myrtle "	Sept. 11	(F)	3	Ashford	(Somerside)
Blackburnian "	" 21	(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Brockner)
Bay-breasted "	Oct. 2	(L)	1	Grand Island	(Andrle)
Blackpoll "	Sept. 28	(L)	1	Buffalo	(Brockner)
W. Palm "	Oct. 9	(L)	1	Canadian Shore	(Andrle)
Ovenbird	May 1	(F)	1	Delaware Park	(Eames)
	Oct.13	(L)	1	Snyder	(Madison)
Connecticut Warbler	Sept.18	(L)	2	Lincoln Park	(Somerside)
N. Yellowthroat	Oct.18	(L)	1	Fort Erie ,Ont.	(Wright)
Tree Sparrow	" 12	(F)	3	Grand Island	(Andrle)
Chipping Sparrow	" 9		2	Canadian Shore	(")
Field "	" 30		1	Erie Beach,Ont.	(")
Pine Siskin	" 9	(F)	5	Delaware Park	(Mitchell)
Fox Sparrow	" 9	(F)	1	" "	(")
Lincoln's Sparrow	" 3	(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Beardslee)
Snow Bunting	" 23	(F)	1	Grand Island	(Andrle, Pause)

Additional Nesting Records

Mourning Dove	Sept. 4	N2Y	Batavia	(Pixley)
	Oct . 3	2YO (hardly able to fly)	E. Aurora	(Wild)
Alder Flycatcher	Aug. 14	N3Y	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Indigo Bunting	" 7	N3Y	Harris Hill	(Wendling)

Total species to date 1943 235

Fall Census Oct 17 1943

14 groups reported . (compared with 17 groups last year)
2 " " on Oct. 23-24 weekend-(records kept separate)
Silver Lake, Lime Lake, Java Lake, Crystal Lake, Cuba Lake, Rushford Lake and Chautauqua Lake not covered by anyone this year due to weather conditions and to transportation difficulties .

Strong west wind and rain (Snow in higher ground south and southeast of Buffalo) made conditions bad for observation. However air was very clear between rain storms. Rough water made identification and counting of waterfowl difficult.High water in

Lake Erie covered all beaches and flats. No shorebirds, whatever, reported along entire Canadian shore of Lake Erie between Ft. Erie and Port Maitland. Practically, all shorebirds reported were from inland places, as at Oak Orchard Swamp.

List of parties for the census Oct. 17 were as follows:-

A. Canadian Shore, Lake Erie to Sherkston--	H.D.Mitchell
B. Buffalo Harbor and Upper Niagara River--	James Savage
C. Delaware Park and Forest Lawn --	Mrs. Hickman, Miss Facklin
D. Grand Island, North and South ends --	H. Thorpe, Pause, Filor
E. East Aurora and vicinity --	A.& H. Wander
F. Oak Orchard Swamp --	E. Seeber, G. Webster, Andrle
G. Nia. Falls, Bond Lake, L. Ontario Shore-	E. & A. Ulrich
H. Grand Island, central section --	F.Tilley
I. Tonawanda, Nia. River, Bardge Canal --	C.A.Somerside
J. Pt. Colbourne to Pt. Maitland, "C.Shore-	Bert & Bart Wright
K. Castile --	Mrs. M.G. Thompson
L. Gainesville --	E.V.Smiths
M. Lyndonville --	W.A.Smith
N. Harris Hill & vicinity --	M.Wendling

List of birds observed.

Horned Grebe -5-B
Pied-billed Grebe-27
Db.-crested Cormorant-11-G
Great Blue Heron-18
Bl.-crowned Night Heron-1-F
Am. Bittern-2-K
Common Mallard-176
Red-lg. &Com.Black Duck-584
Baldpate-362
Pintail -11- F,G.
Green-winged Teal-2- A,G
Blue-winged Teal-4-F
Shoveller-1-F
Wood Duck-52-D,F,M
Redhead - 80- B
Canvas-back -4- J
Gr.& Ls. Scaup Duck-720-
White-winged Scoter- 7- A
Am. Scoter -1 - A
Hooded Merganser -2- D,M
Cooper's Hawk -1- D
Red-tailed Hawk -4 -
Red- shouldered Hawk -1- H
Marsh Hawk -8-
Pigeon Hawk -1- B
Sparrow Hawk -10-
Ruffed Grouse- 6-
Ringed-nk. Pheasant -44-
Florida Gallinule -12- D
Coot -33 -
Semipalmated Plover -1- F
Kildeer -90-
Bl.-bellied Plover -7 -F
Wilson's Snipe -3- F
Greater Yellowlegs -3- D,F
Yellowlegs -15 -F
Pectoral Sandpiper -31- F
Least Sandpiper -2- F

Herring Gull -2280-
Ring-billed Gull- 2663-
Boneparte's Gull-875 -
Forster's Tern -2- B
Common Tern -93-A,D
Mourning Dove -4- G,H
Belted Kingfisher-9-
Flicker -12-
Hairy Woodpecker -1-
Downy Woodpecker -5-
Phoebe -2- J
Prairie Horned Lark-13-
Tree Swallow -3- A,F
Rough-winged Swallow-2-F
Blue Jay -12-
Crow -686
Bl.-capped Chickadee-62
White-Br. Nuthatch-12-
Red-br. Nuthatch -1- J
Brown Creeper -10-
House Wren -3- A,J
Winter Wren 21
Prairie Marsh Wren -3- A,D
Catbird 2 -A
Robin -452-
Hermit Thrush -35-
Bluebird -69-
Golden-cr. Kinglet -110-
Ruby-cr.Kinglet -62-
Cedar Waxwing -10- A
Starling -2023-
Blue-headed Vireo-2-A
Red-eyed Vireo -2- G,J
Nashville Warbler -1- A
Parula Warbler -1- C
Black-thr. Blue Warbler-1-D
Myrtle Warbler-103-
Black-thr. Green Warbler-1-J

English Sparrow-699-
Meadowlark -36-
Redwing -3560- and probably 3000 more, including 1 albino (Tilley)
Rusty Blackbird -84-
Bronzed Grackle-829-
Cowbird -47-
Purple Finch-5-A,H,L
Pine Siskin -11- A
Goldfinch -30-
Red-eyed Towhee -10-
Nelson's Sparrow-1- F
Vesper Sparrow- 38-
Slate-colored Junco-218-
Tree Sparrow -14- B,L
Field Sparrow - 1- B
White-cr. Sparrow -1-C
White-thr. Sparrow- 106-
Swamp Sparrow -14-
Song Sparrow -149-

TOTAL- 96 Species (counting Black Ducks as one species)

Individuals--20,793

Census continued on next page.

This report compares with our results of the 1942 census of 119 Species and 15,107 individuals. Last year the date was Oct. 11.

Especially noteworthy was the lack of such species as Red-backed Sandpipers, Sanderlings, pipits; Savanah,Chipping, and Song Sparrows which can be accounted for only by the high wind and high water, the former keeping most of the birds of the open fields under cover, the latter covering the beaches normally visited by shorebirds.

Among the waterfowl the complete absence of Geese and Swans and the scarcity of Teal and Wood Duck were especially significant.

The highlight of this census was the discovery of the Nelson's Sparrow at Oak Orchard by Ed. Seeber. This Sparrow possibly occurs more often in our territory than the records indicate,because the bird is very secretive and he usually confines himself to rather dense cover.

This year's census results were reminiscent of the 1940 results when 94 species and 19,240 individual birds were reported on Oct.20th.

Because of the snow and high wind Mrs. Pixley did not cover Batavia and vicinity ,and Dr. Stanley and Miss Schober did not cover Dunkirk,Cassadaga and Bear Lake on Oct 17 but they did cover their territory the following weekend. Mrs Pixley added another Bittern, 28 Ring-necked Duck,3 Ruddy Duck, 3 Turkey Vulture,8 Red-shouldered Hawk(migrating together),and 1 Cardinal,increasing the total census list by 4. Dr. Stanley and Miss Schober and Mrs. Merony added 2 Loon, 6 Canada Geese, 1 Sanderling, 1 Pileated Woodpecker and 5 Snow Bunting, the last named on the pier at Dunkirk,thus adding 5 more to the total census list, if this weekend be also taken into account.

NOTES

The society in general and the staff of the "Prothonotary " in particular take this occasion to thank Ward Klepfer for his conscientious and efficient work in the difficult job of compiling the " Noteworthy Records " during the past three years. Since his departure for service as Ensign in the U.S . Navy, Robert Andrle has been appointed to take over this work. Please cooperate by sending in records PROMPTLY after the end of each month to him at 59 Blantyre Road ,Buffalo. Also be sure that all significant records be supplied with full data as to numbers and location.

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Reports from Rochester and vicinity, as submitted by Mr. W.L.G.Edson,for the first week of Oct. included Solitary and Western Sandpipers, Cardinal, and Fox Sparrows.

During the following week : Horned Grebe,Green Heron, Whistling Swan, Black-backed Gull, Tree Swallow and Wood Thrush were reported.

For the week ending Oct. 22. A late Gray-cheeked Thrush and the first Tree Sparrow were observed.

In the following week: Shoveller,Lesser Yellowlegs(late),and Pine Siskin were reported.

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Reports in the August Issue of the Bulletin of New England Bird Life indicate an unusually early migration of many land birds, especially marked in Vermont as in 1942,early Myrtle Warblers were noted Aug. 9 at Belmont and Aug. 7 at Northampton,Mass. There were some interesting records of last songs heard by Mr. F.B. White of Concord ,N.H. and by Mr. A .A .Saunders of Fairfield,Conn. Cape May Warbler appear to be increasing in numbers as migrants in New England. Rarities include Wilson's Phalorope, Black Skimmer and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

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In a recent issue of "Western Tanager",published by the Los Angeles Audubon Society, we note that a special 6 week course is given every Saturday morning from 10 until 12 to Boy Scouts who are recommended by their scoutmasters for Bird Merit Badge training, Such a procedure might well be

adopted in Buffalo and would greatly aid both the Scouts and the Merit Badge Examiners. We also noted that Mrs. Harlan Eckler recently appeared on the Society's program, showing colored slides covering " The Pageant of Autumn ".

H.D.Mitchell

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Future Events

Meetings:
Wed. Dec. 8th. Humboldt Room, Museum of Science. 8P.M.
Plans for Christmas Census
Forum-- Ed. Seeber , Leader.

Field Trip
Nov.28th--To Hyde Park ,Niagara Falls- Leader H. Thorpe
Meeting place--Deleware Ave. at Hertel--8:30 A.M.
Please notify leader if you intend to go. Call Hu.5270

Christmas Census Dec. 19th.,Sunday- Details to be announced
Leader Ed. Seeber

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November temperatures averaged only one degree below the normal maen of 38.5 degrees, and total precipitation was half an inch below the normal 3.02 inches. The month was not as pleasant as these figures would indicate,however, for it rained on each of the first eight days, and snow fell on each of the following nine days. Total snow fall for thee month was 13.6 inches,as compared with normal of 6.1 inches. The effect of weather on bird life was interesting in several instances. For example, on the fourth this observer found not a single Bonaparte's Gull at Niagara Falls,yet on the fifth Mitchell reported hundreds there. A study of the Buffalo weather reports yields no clue to the reason for this influx. In past years large numbers of these gulls have appeared on the river about the twelfth of November, but always riding a cold snap. This year,however, the first eight days were rather mild. In seeking the cause and the reason for the early arrival of the gulls this year, we may recall that on November 3 and 4 a cold wave, accompaniedby deep snow, was reported over Alberta, Saskatchewan ,and Montana. For several days running it was predicted that it would reach Buffalo " to-marrow." However,this wintry weather elected to travel eastward very slowly,so that it was not felt here until the evening of the eight. Six inches of snow fell on the ninth, and temperatures thereafter were far below normal until the 18th. When we stop to consider , we realize that the weather at the point of departure, rather than at the destination, must be the activating factor in a southward migration such as we are discussing. Now let us consider where Bonaparte's Gulls breed. There are two areas, one which takes in the northern portions of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, and the second just west of Hudson Bay. It seems logical to conclude that the gulls which appear at the Falls on November 5 must have come from the former district, as the cold wave had not at that time affected the Hudson Bay region. Another noticable instance of weather's influence on bird movement was the rapidity with which land birds such as Robins, Meadowlarks, Red-wings,and Song Sparrows thinned out during this period of cold and snow. We suspect that an early cold wave such as occured from the 9th to the 17th, finds such birds with an appreciable remnant of a migration urge, which they obey forthwith. On the other hand,if the first really wintry weather is delayed until early December, the urge to go south is by that time lacking, and we are apt to find such hardy species wintering here in some numbers.

Noteworthy Records for November

Holboell's Grebe	Nov. 7	(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Andrle, Pause)
	" 14		1	Bird Island	(Mitchell)
Horned Grebe	" 28	(L)	2	Niagara Falls	(Thorpe et al)
Pied-billed Grebe	" 20	(L)	1	" "	(Mitchell)
Dbl-crested Cormorant	" 7		7	" "	)Andrle, Pause)
	" 28	(L)	1	" "	(Thorpe et al)
Gr. Blue Heron	" 18		2	Beaver Island	(Somerside)
	" 26	(L)	1	Irving	(Wright)
Bl.-crwd. Night Heron	" 11		11	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell)
Wood Duck	" 14	(L)	3	Burnt-ship Creek	(Andrle, Pause)
Canvasback	" 29	Approx.	1100	Niagara Falls	(Thorpe et al)
Surf Scoter	" 6		1	Crystal Beach, Ont.	(Wright)
	" 7		1	Niagara Falls	(Andrle, Pause)
	" 28		2	" "	(Thorpe et al)
Am. Scoter	" 28		1	" "	" " "
Ruddy Duck	" 6		1	Bird Island	(Mitchell)
	" 7		1	Niagara Falls	(Andrle, Pause)
Hooded Merganser	" 7		1	" "	(Mitchell)
	" 7		2	Burntship Creek	(Andrle, Pause)
Rough-lgd. Hawk	" 28	(F)	1	Grand Island	(Thorpe et al)
Pigeon Hawk	" 28		1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Seeber)
Florida Gallinule	Oct 18	(L)	1	Sherkston, Ont.	(Wright)
Coot	Nov. 20	(L)	7	Burntship Creek	(Mitchell, B&B Wright)
Kildeer	" 28	(L)	1	Beaver Island	(Thorpe et al)
Black-Bld. Plover	" 1	(L)	1	Fort Erie, Ont	(Wright)
Woodcock	" 7	(L)	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
Wilson's Snipe	" 7	(L)	1	Burntship Creek	"
Greater Yellowlegs	" 7	(D)	2	Beaver Island	"
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug 27	(F)	Sept. 10 & 24-1	Rochester-(Dr. Meade et al)	
Forster's Tern	Nov. 6	(L)	1	Fort Erie, Ont	(Wright)
Common Tern	" 6	(L)	1	" " "	"
Winter Wren	" 28	(L)	4	Irving	"
Sh-bill. Marsh Wren	Oct 5	(L)		Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
Catbird	Nov 7	(L)	1	Snyder	(Madison)
Hermit Thrush	Oct 31	(L)	1	Lincoln Park	(Somerside)
Bluebird	" 31	(L)	1	" "	"
Cedarwaxwing	Nov. 28	(L)	1	Irving	(Wright)
Redwing	" "		1	Grand Island	(Thorpe et al)
Bronzed Grackle	" 18	(L)	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smith)
Cardinal	" 28		16	Irving	(Wright)
Evening Grosbeak	" 19	(F)	2	Hamburg	(Adams, Fide Trefts)
	" 26		1	Braddock's Bay	(G.O.S.)
Purple Finch	" 2	(L)	3	Irving	(Wright)
Leconte's Sparrow	Sept. 5	(F)	1	Rochester	(Edson)
Towhee	Nov. 7	(L)	2	Grand Island	(Mitchell et al)
Wh.-Thr. Sparrow	" 28		1	Niagara Falls	(Thorpe " "
Fox Sparrow	" 7	(L)	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell et al)
Snow Bunting	" 11		16	Springville	(Andrle)

Species to Oct. 30	235
New for Nov.	3
Total to Nov. 30	238

N O T E S

The September Bulletin of New England Bird Life contains the following records

of interest: Leach's (?)Petrel,Sept.26,near Hanover,N.H.;Rough-legged Hawk,Sept 9, Ipswich (very early);Thayer's Gull, Sept.12, Nauset; Brewster's Warbler,Sept.1, Orange;Grinnell's Water-Thrush(several sight records);Summer Tanager,Sept.12, Orleans;and Dickcissel,Sept.25, Monomoy.

Noteworthy records from Rochester:
Week ending Nov.5-- Bittern (late),Shoveller, Ruddy Duck,Sora (late),Sapsucker (late), Phoebe, Myrtle Warbler,Redpoll, Pine Siskin.
Week ending Nov. 12--Canada Goose, Pine Siskin.
Week ending Nov.19 --Horned Grebe, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Ruddy Duck, Killdeer, Bluebird, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin.
Week ending Nov. 26-- Common Loon, Ruddy Duck, Bronzed Grackle, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin.

Private First Class Lawrence W. Murphy is now located with the 94th Depot Supply Squadron, Tinker Field , Oklahoma City, Okla.

Future Events

Hayes Lectures at Buffalo Museum of Science 3P.M. Sundays
Jan.23-- Wings, Fins and Antlers by John H. Storer
Feb. 13-- The Beauty and Wonder of Bird Life,by Cleveland P. Grant-

At Buffalo Historical Society
Thursday,Feb. 10--Bird Shooting with a Camera, by.Martin K. Bovey.

Meetings

Wed. Jan.12.-8P.M.-Humboldt room of Buffalo Museum of Science
Results of Christmas Census---- Letters from service men.

Wed. Jan.26-8P.M.- Humboldt room of Buffalo Museum of Science
Western Grebe by Heather Thorpe

Field Trips

Delaware Park-- Jan.16-- Meet at stone bridge at 2P.M.

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The Month

The first nine days of December were very mild,averaging six degrees above normal. The remaining twenty-two days averaged six degrees below normal,however, resulting in an ice bridge in the gorge below Niagara Falls on December 27,earliest in the memory of the oldest residents. The most remarkable feature of the month, however,was the small amount of precipitation,rain and melted snow totaling only 0.69 inches,lowest in the history of the Buffalo weather bureau, and comparing with 5.01 inches in December,1942. About 0.52 inches was in the form of rain; no snow of consequence fell during the month, as may be seen from the meager total of 0.17 inches, as compared with normal December fall of 17 inches. Some snow fell on seventeen days, but during no 24-hour period did as much as one-half inch fall. The entire month was a part of a very long snowless period which started November 17 and still persists as this is written (Jan.21). With the ground thus free from snow, it is easy to understand the absence of records of longspurs and buntings,which doubtless find no necessity for moving southward for food. The appearance of Evening Grosbeaks early in the month gave promise of an invasion of northern finches which failed to materialize to any unusual extent. The presence of Red-bellied Woodpeckers in three new locations within a few days was one of the most interesting features of the month. Bonaparte's Gulls were exceptionally numerous at the time of the Christmas Census,but were almost entirely gone by the month's end.

Noteworthy Records

Loon	Dec.5	1 Grand Island	(Mitchell)
	" 19 (L)	1 Rochester	(G.O.S.)
Bl.Cr,-Night Heron	" 7	2 Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
	" 28 (L)	1 Buckhorn Island	(Andrlee)
Mute Swan	" 14 (F)	2 Chautauqua Lake	(Mitchell)
Canada Goose	Oct.6	20 Cheektowaga	(Walker,Putman)(Mitchell
Gadwall	Dec.11 (L)	1 Niagara Falls	(Pause)
Baldpate	" 7 (L)	12 " "	(Beardslee)
Pintail	" 7	12 " "	(")
Gr.-winged Teal	" 5 (L)	2 " ",Gr. Is.	(Andrle,Pause)
American Scoter	" 5 (L)	2 " "	(Mitchell)
Goshawk	" 19 (F)	1 Jamestown	(Beal)
Marsh Hawk	" 28	5 Grand Island	(Andrle)
Glaucous Gull	" 2 (F)	1 Dunkirk	(Mitchell)

Little Gull	Dec. 18 (F)	1	Bird Is. Niagara River	(Mitchell)
Mourning Dove	" 28 (L)	24	Grand Island	(Andrlee)
Barn Owl	" 7 (F)	4	Youngstown	(Beardslee)
	" 19	1	"	" ,Verrill)
Screech Owl	".Daily 1 lives in barn.		Gainesville	(Smiths)
	" 19	1	Rochester	(G.O.S.)
Snowy Owl	Nov. 3	2	Buffalo Creek	(Miller)(Thorpe)
Long-eared Owl	Dec. 19	1	Rochester	(G.O.S.)
Short-eared	" 19	2	"	"
Night Hawk	Nov. 1 (L)	1	Snyder	(Madisons)

There is absolutely no precedent for this record,but the bird flew directly overhead at low altitude and every identifying feature was seen ,including the white marks on the wing. One of the most remarkable records of the year,and thorough investigation leaves no doubt as to its authenticity.

Belted Kingfisher	Dec. 17	1	Grat Island	(Mitchell)
	" 19	1	Rochester	(G.O.S .)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 11	1	Chautauqua Lake	(Mackie,Tessioris fide-Dr.Stanley)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	" 6 & regularly afterwards	1	Orchard Park	(Kolmwoods,Sticknеys,Winship)
	" 7,daily afterward-	1	Lyndonville	(Smith)
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 24	1	Buffalo	(Berkhoudt)(Thorpe)
Alder Flycatcher	Oct 8 (L)	1	Gainesville	(G.C.Smith) An unusually late date. Seen and characteristic song heard in same location where species breeds regularly.
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Nov.23	1	daily thereafter, Delaware Park	(many members)
	Dec. 2	1	" " Lyndonville	(Smith)
Winter Wren	Dec. 19	2	Rochester	(G.O.S.)
Robin	"	Several reports in Buffalo		
Northern Shrike	" 19(F)	1	Rochester	(G.O.S.)
Cardinal	" 17,23,24	6	near Jamestown	(Hamilton,fide, Stanley)
Evening Grosbeak	" 3	1	Hamburg	(Trefts)
	" 12	19	"	(Andrle,Pause)
Pine Grosbeak	" 19(F)	8	Youngstown	(Beardslee, Verrill)
Common Redpoll	" 19(F)	300	Armor	(Wright)
Pine Siskin	" 7	30	Youngstown, Wilson	(Beardslee)
	" 19	2	"	(" ,Verrill)
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	" 11(L)	1	Niagara Falls	(Pause)
Swamp Sparrow	" 28(L)	2	Buckhorn Island	(Andrle)

Added nesting record:

Mourning Dove	Aug. 29	N2E	Lyndonville	(Smith)
	Sept.29	Y left nest.	"	"

Species to Nov.30	238
New for Dec.	6
Total for year-1943	244
Total for year-1942	253

NOTES

To the reports above of Red-bellied Woodpecker we have learned of another seen regularly near West Falls by Mrs. L.J.Reader, more details in next issue. It will be interesting to see if there are similar reports from other areas of the spreading out of this species over new territory near the border of its range during the past month or two.

The Bulletin of New Emgland Bird Life for October reports that many species broke the all time record for lateness during the mild weather of that month. Such species included House Wren,Red-eyed and Philadelphia Vireos,Cape May and Black-throated Blue Warblers. A flight year for Evening Grosbeaks,Pine Siskins and other northern finches was also indicated. Rarities include Gray Gyrfalcon at Monomoy,Corn Crake collected Oct.18 at Orange,Conn.,Thayer's Gull at Newburyport, Western Tanager at Cambridge,Oct.1 and Clay-colored Sparrow at Monomoy. A Leach's Petrel was picked up at Lexington,Mass.,on Oct.9 during a high wind.

The Christmas Cehsus of the Genesee Ornithological Society taken Dec.19 totalled 56 species and 2226 individuals. Included in the list were Loon,Surf Scoter, Hooded Merganser, Coot, Screech ,Great Horned,Barred, Long-eared and Short-eared Owls, Kingfisher, Prairie Horned Lark,Winter Wren, Cedar Waxwing , Northern Shrike, Redwing,Cardinal,62 Pine Grosbeak,Redpoll,Pine Siskin,White-throated and Swamp Sparrows. Ducks and Gulls were seen in comparatively small numbers, but the presence of the northern finches in numbers more than made up for the lack of water birds.

From Hamilton ,Ont. ,George North reports that northern finches (Evening and Pine Grosbeaks and Siskins) started to come down in October but seemed to thin out. Ducks were scarce there during the fall, but contrary to our experience with shore birds, the high water there produced mud flats behind the rush beds along the bay shore in spots ,and as a result, they observed a Western Willet, several White-rumped,Stilt and Western Sandpipers, Dowitchers, Wilson's Phalarope and a Hudsonian Godwit(on Sept.14, among other more common species). Other records for 1943 at Hamilton included Parasitic Jaeger Aug.28, Laughing Gull(ad.)May 28, Franklin's Gull June 27, Saw-whet Owl Nov.7 and Clay-colored Sparrow May2(compared with our spring record.) At Sunnyside, a James Bay Sharp-tailed Sparrow was recorded Oct 8 and 9. Chats were observed in several locations during spring and early summer, parallelling our own experiences. Their Christmas Cebsus on Dec.19 made by 36 observers, makes us envious. Among the high lights were 1Blue-winged Teal,2 Goshawk,2 Coot, 1 Killdeer, 3 Red-backed Sandpipers,1 Glaucous Gull,1 Iceland and 1 Thayer's Gull, 3 Long-billed Marsh Wren,1 Robin,1 Maryland Yellow-throat,2 Towhee, 2 Chipping,10 Field, 1 White-throated and 2 Swamp Sparrows.

Christmas Bird Census 1943
December 19

Buffalo,N.Y. (centering on Grand Island and including Buffalo and Niagara Falls; open farm lands 40%;deciduous wood lots 20%;city parks 5%; Niagara River 20%; Cattail marshes 3%;city and suburban dwelling and factory areas 12%). Partly cloudy :temperature 30-40 F;wind S.W. 25-30 miles per hour. Ground , bare , to 1" snow at Niagara Falls; ponds frozen ;20 observers in 9 parties. Total hours 68(41 on foot, 27 by car);total miles 215 (53 on foot, 162 by car).

Horned Grebe,1 ; Great Blue Heron, 1 ; Mallard, 169 ; Black Duck,401 ; Pintail 8 ; Redhead, 28; Ring-necked Duck, 1 ; Canvas-back ,2173; Greater and Lesser Scaup Duck, 1618 ; American Golden-eye, 432; Buffle-head ,27; Old-squaw,4 ; White-winged Scoter,7; Ruddy Duck, 1; American Merganser, 568; Red-breasted Merganser, 82 ; Sharp-shinned Hawk,1; Cooper's Hawk,1 ;Red-tailed Hawk,13; Rough-legged Hawk,7; Marsh Hawk,8; Sparrow Hawk,8; Pheasant,105; Glaucous Gull,2; Great Black-backed Gull,39; Herring Gull 3785; Ring-billed Gull,76; Bonaparte's Gull, 2157; Mourning Dove,42; Great Hormed Owl,6; Long-eared Owl,1;Flicker,1; Hairy Woodpecker,9; Downy Woodpecker,41; Blue Jay,23; Crow,578; Black-capped Chickadee, 102; White-breasted Nuthatch,20; Red-breasted Nuthatch,1; Brown Creeper,13; Robin,1; Golden-crowned Kinglet,18; Starling,683; English Sparrow,690;
Meadowlark,1; Slate-colored Junco,8; Tree Sparrow,224; Song Sparrow,3. Total,53 species,14,215 individuals. (Seen in same area Dec. 17; Belted Kingfisher,1;Dec.18, Little Gull,1;-latter seen with large flock of Bonaparte's Gulls,dusky wing linings

clearly observed, HDM.)

Territories and leaders-

A- Harbor, Canadian Shore to Falls-		Savage
B- American Shore to Falls-		Mitchell
C-Forest Lawn, Delaware and Lincoln Parks,		Madison
D-Grand Is.	N of Whitehaven, S of Bedell, E of Base line	Pause
E- " "	N of Bedell, E of Base Line, also S of Whitehaven, N of Staley, W of Base Line	Ulrich
F- " "	S of Whitehaven, N of Love, E of Base Line, also N of Whitehaven, S of Bedell, W of Base Line	Webster
G- " "	S of Love, E of Base Line, also N of Love, S of Staley, W of Base Line	Beardslee
H- " "	S of Love, W of Base Line	Andrlee
J- " "	N of Bedell, W of Base Line	Thorpe

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Meetings

Wed. Feb.9th. 8P.M. Humboldt Rm. Buffalo Museum of Science
Speaker-- Ray Verrill on Bird Banding.

Wed. Feb. 23 8P.M. Humboldt Rm. Buffalo Museum of Science
Speaker-- B. Hockmuth-- Mounting of Bird Specimens.

Field Trips

Sunday- Feb. 20th. Leader -H.D.Mitchell- Plce. Hazelton's-LeRoy

Meet Blue Bus which leaves downtown Buffalo at 7:30 A.M. Be sure to get that section of the Rochester Bus which goes to LeRoy. Return Bus leaves LeRoy at 2:25 P.M. Bring Lunch. In case of inclement weather , the trip will be postponed until Feb. 27th.

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The two preceding issues of the " Prothonotary " reported a very unusual lack of snow from November 17 up to the end of 1943. January continued the same pattern, to make a period of seventy-six consecutive days of mid-winter with a total of only 6.2 inches of snow, of which 1.5 inches fell on the afternoon of January 31! December's total of 1.7 inches and January's total of 3.4 inches were lowest ever recorded, and the total of 5.1 inches for the two months should be compared with average January - February snowfall of 36.3 inches in order to appreciate how extremely unusual this period was. January was mild as well, with mean temperature of 30 degrees as compared with normal of 24 degrees. Late December had been too cold, however, to encourage Bonaparte's Gulls to stay for the winter in numbers. Twenty were reported by Savage on the sixth, but a cold snap during the next three days doubtless accounts for the fact that none were reported thereafter. The lack of snow to the north of us undoubtedly accounts for the scarcity of snow buntings and longspurs in our area. Higher feeders, like the pine grosbeaks, siskins, and redpolls, were better represented. Among other species, the presence of comparatively large numbers of Marsh Hawks and Mourning Doves was notable.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

January 1944

Bl.-cr. Night Heron	Jan.	1	2	Goat Island	(Savage, Mitchell)
Canada Goose	"	2	23	over Lancaster	(B. Hochmuth)
Pintail	"	9	1	Goat Island	(Mitchell et al)
	"	25	6	Niagara Falls	(Beardslee)
Wood Duck	Dec	20	1	caught near Shadigee and brought to our pond. It seems to be perfectly content. Lyndonville-	(W.A.Smith)
Redhead	Jan.	9	1	Niagara Falls	(Mitchell et al)
Canvasback	"	1	2	" River	(Savage, Mitchell)
	"	25	100	Grand Island	(Beardslee)
Bufflehead	"	1	2	Niagara River	(Savage, Mitchell)
Old Squaw	"	2	5	" "	(Thorpe et al)
White-wg. Scoter	"	1	1	" "	(Savage, Mitchell)
Red-br. Merganser	"	1	12	" "	(" ")
Goshawk	"	25	1	Grand Island	(Beardslee)

Sharp-sh. Hawk	Jan.	7	1	Grand Island	(Somerside)
	"	30	1	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Cooper's Hawk	"	9	1	Wilson	(Wright)
	"	19	1	Youngstown	(Beardslee)
Red- Tailed Hawk	several	regularly reported from many localities			
Rough-lg. Hawk	Jan.	7	3	Grand Island	(Somerside)
Bald Eagle	"	2	3	imm. Beaver & Strawberry Is.	(Thorpe et al)
	"	9	1	Lewiston,N.Y.	(Mitchell et al)
	"	19	1	Ft. Erie,Ont.	(F.H.Orcutt fide Beardslee)
Marsh Hawk	"	1	1	Grand Is.	(Thorpe et al)
	"	9	13	" " & Wilson area	(Mitchell et al)
	"	25	3	" "	(Beardslee)
Sanderling	"	6	1	Fuhrmann Drive(1st. midwinter record)	(B.Nathon)
Glaucous Gull	"	1	2	" "	(Savage, Mitchell)
	"	6,8	1,1	" " (B.Nathan)	(Wright et al)
Gt.Black-bk. Gull	"	1	21	Buffalo to N. Falls	(Savage, Mitchell)
Ring-bl. Gull	"	1	2	Ft. Erie,Ont.	(" ")
	"	7	2	Grand Island	(Somerside)
Bonaparte's Gull	"	6(L)	24	N. River below Ft.Erie,Ont.	(Savage)
Mourning Dove	"	2	31	Grand Island	(Thorpe et al)
				2 or 3 flocks wintering on Grand Island.	
Barn Owl	"		2	Youngstown,N.Y.	(Several observers)
Screech Owl	"	5	1	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Great Horned Owl	"	9	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell et al)
Long-eared Owl	"	16,22,	30. 1	Wilson, N.Y.	(Several Observers)
Short-eared Owl	"	24	6	Youngstown,N.Y.	(Wrights)
Belted Kingfisher	"	3	1	Goat Island	(B. Nathon)
Pileated Woodpecker	"	2,4	1,1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	(Wright)(B. Nathon)
	"	2	1	Hamburg Fair Grounds	(Bourne,Savage)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	1,4	1	Orchard Park	(Pause, Nathon) at feeder.
	"	22,24	1	Wilson,N.Y.	(Savage,Mitchell et al)
Praire Horned Lark	"	28	7	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
	"	30	25	Holland	(James)
	"	30	5	Youngstown	(Wright)
Blue Jay	"	9	18	Grand Island	(Mitchell et al)
Acadian Chickadee	"	30	1	Derby,N.Y.	(H.H.Larkin,rep. Mitchell)
				First record for Western N.Y.,see under notes.	
Tufted Titmouse	"	2,8	3,1	Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1	1	Delaware Park	(Savage, Mitchell)
Brown Creeper	"	2,		Grand Island	(Thorpe et al)
Winter Wren	"	8	2	Irving,N.Y.	(Wrights et al)
[illegible]	"	23	1	" " " "	(Pause)
[illegible]	"	4		[illegible]	(Wright)
Robin	"	11	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Pause)
	"	all winter ?		-V. Graham's feeding station-Chautaqua Lake	
Bluebird				Stow, N.Y. (Mrs.Chilson fide Mitchell)	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	1	1-0	Hamburg	(Pause)
	"	2	15	Irving	(Wright)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	4	1	Orchard Park	(B.Nathon)
	"	8	1	Irving	(Wrights et al)
Cedar Warwing	"	8	7	"	" " "
Northern Shrike	"	9	2	Youngstown & Pekin area	(Mitchell et al)
	"	16	1	"	(Pause)
Meadow Lark	"	13	1	Springville	(Wright)
Cowbird	"	1	1	Fuhrmann Drive	(Savage, Mitchell)
Cardinal	"	2	30(est)	Irving	(Wright)
Evening Grosbeak	"	2	20 or more	Hamburg	(B.Nathon)
	"	8	9	"	(Wright et al)
	"	8	13	"	(Bourne, Brettles)

Pine Grosbeak	Jan. 16	4	Youngstown & Wilson	(Pause)
	" 30	3	"	(Thorpe,Wrights,Pause
Common Redpoll	" 4	12	Chestnut Ridge Park	(B. Nathon)
	" 9,22	5,28	Wilson	(Savage,Mitchell et al)
	" 16	150	East Aurora	(W. Wild)
	" 20	50	daily-Lyndonville	(W.A .Smith)
Pine Siskin	" 5	1	Grand Island	(B.Nathon)
	" 9	70	Wilson	(Mitchell et al)
	" 19,22	2,4	"	(" , Beardslee)
Goldfinch	" 5	25	Grand Island	(B.Nathon)
Slate-colored Junco	" 2	4	" "	(Thorpe et al)
Field Sparrow	" 8,	2	Angola-on-lake	(Wrights et al)
White-thr. Sparrow	" 2,23	1	Irving	(Wright)(Pause)
Swamp Sparrow	" 2	3	Buckhorn Island	(Thorpe et al)
Song Sparrow	" 2	2	" "	" " "
	" 8	1	Irving	(Wrights et al)
Lapland Longspur	" 4	3	near Chestnut Ridge Pk.	(B.Nathon)
Snow Bunting	" 16	400	Concord(at one time all lit in a tree)	(Wright)
	" 16	100	Portageville	(A.Carter, Houghton)

The following species ,reported in January ,are not included in "Noteworthy Records" since their occurance is not unusual: Mallard, Red-legged and Gommon Black Duck, Greater and Lesser Scaup, American Golden-eye, Am. Merganser, Sparrow Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, Herring Gull, Hairy Woodpecker,Downy Woodpecker,Crow, Black-capped Chicadee,White-breasted Nuthatch, Starling, English Sparrow, Tree Sparrow.

Total species for Jan. 1944 76
Total species for Jan. 1943 59

* This total is one of the largest if not the largest January records which has been tallied by our organization.

NOTES

Among the many interesting records reported in the Bulletin of New England Bird Life for November, the following are of special interest: Pacific Loon (2 records), Black Vulture, Swainson's Hawk, Black Gyrfalcon, Curlew Sandpiper, Short-billed Gull, Hawk Owl, Chimney Swift(Oct.30), Crested Flycatcher(Nov.21), Tree Swallow 200 on Nov.14),Blue-gray Gnatcatcher(singing ,Nov.21),Yellow Warbler(Banded Nov. 13, stayed until 15th),Redstart(Nov. 19), Scarlet Tanager(Nov. 30),Dickcissel, Evening Grosbeak("hordes" seen in Connecticut),Pine Grosbeak("great flight"),and Grasshopper Sparrow(Nov. 13). In December there were records of Snow Goose,Gray Gyrfalcon, Osprey (dec.26), Tree Swallow(Dec19-Mass. & 26 Ct.),several Mockingbirds,Blue-gray Gnatcatcher(Dec. 16,Ct.), Redstart (Dec.3,Ct.), Baltimore Oriole (Dec.20,Ct.),Scarlet Tanager (Dec. 9), Hoary Redpoll and many Northern Finches. However,as with us few Horned Larks , Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings were noted.

Reports from Rochester ,N.Y. submitted by Wm. L.G. Edson,include January records of Great Blue Heron,Red-shouldered Hawk, Snowy Owl, Kingfisher, Red-breasted Nuthatch,Winter Wren, Robin, Cedar Waxwing,Cardinal, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch,Redpoll and Snow Bunting.

The brown-headed and brown-backed Chickadee reported Jan.30 was watched from about 5 feet distance by Mr. H.H.Larkin at a feeding station outside of the window of his home at Derby.All field marks checked with the description of the Acadian Chickadee,and the number of records of this subspecies from nearby Ontario localities suggest that it is most likely the Acadian. We should ,however, have a specimen from our territory before the subspecific status is definately established.

H.D.Mitchell.

A recent letter from W.L.McAtee states that the U.S.Department of Interior is now preparing a Dictionary of Vernacular Names of Nothr American Birds and asks for contributions of local or unusual vernacular names of birds, The editor will welcome any such names for compilation. These names will be published in the Protonotary and forwarded to Mr. McAtee.

Editor

Future Events

Meetings-

Wednesday- March 8- Humboldt Room,Buffalo Museum of Science- 8 P.M.
C.S Beardslee will talk on Moults as an aid to identification.

Wednesday- March 22- Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science- 8 P.M.
Plans for the spring duck census.

Trips-

Sunday -March 26- Oak Orchard Swamp- Ed Seeber ,leader.
Meeting plane- 8A.M. at end of Main street car line.
Be sure to contact the leader if you plan to go.

Hayes Lectures

Sunday April 9- Auditorium , Buffalo Museum of Science- 3 P.M.
Wings across the Mid-night Sun--by Dr.Arthur E. Twomey.

Sunday March 12 - Auditorium, Buffalo Museum of Science- 3P.M.
Natural Colored Movies. The Four Corners -The Land of the Navajos
by Alfred M Bailey.

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The month of February is generally a rather static period so far as bird life is concerned, and is apt to be affected only by depth of snow or by any mild spell coming at the end of the month. February 1944 gave us twenty-five inches of snow, in strong contrast to the very meger fall during December and January. Snow fell on twenty-three days and rain on three other days, leaving only three days without precipitation. However, reports for the month indicate no obvious change in bird life attributable to the heavy snows. The temperature from the 21st to the 28th averaged nine degrees above normal, and this mild spell undoubtedly accounted for the early arrival of Red-wings. This observer saw a large flock at Montezuma Marshes, near Senaca Falls, on the 26th., and they were reported from our territory on the 26th and 27th (see below). The Acadian Chickadee at Harry Larkin's estate continued to be the most important bird in western New York, and was visited and closely observed by several members during the month.

Noteworthy Records

Redhead	Feb. 25	7	Grand Island	(Somerside, Pvt. Brockner)
Old Squaw	" 25	3	" "	(" " ")
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 25	1	" "	(" " ")
Red-tailed Hawk	" 20	2	Leroy, N.Y.	(Ulrich, et al)
Rough-Lgd. Hawk	" 6	(3,2)	Grand Island	(Tilleys, Somerside)
	" 25	2	" "	(Somerside, Pvt. Brockner
Bald Eagle	Jan. 16	1	Fort Niagara	(Pause et al)
	Feb. 22	1	Navy Island	(Andrle, Hedley)
Marsh Hawk	" 13	2	Amherst	(Somerside)
	" 20	2	Grand Island	(Andrle, Pause)
Sparrow Hawk	" 12	1	Williamsville	(Prof. Alexander)
Kildeer	" 27	2	flying over Derby, N.Y.	(Pvt. Brockner)
Ring-bld. Gull	" 6		few Grand Island	(Somerside)
Mourning Dove	" 4	9	Wanakah, N.Y.	(Wright)
Screech Owl	" 6	2	Arlington&CollegeST.	(Almendinger, Stratton, fide Mitchell)
	" 10	1	Olean	(Pvt. R. Byron)
Great Horned Owl	" 15	1	Hamburg	(Bourne)
Pileated Woodpecker	" 20	1	Derby	(Filor, Hedley)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	" 20	4	Leroy, N.Y.	(Ulrich et al)
Praire Horned Lark	" 4	18	Gainesville, N.Y.	(E.V. Smiths)
	" 2	2	Grand Island	(Somerside)
	" 20	30	" "	(Andrle, Pause)

Acadian Chickadee (Subs)	Feb.2,20,27		Derby,N.Y.-H.H.Larkin's	(Many members)
Tufted Titmouse	Feb. 27		Derby,N.Y.	(Pause)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"		daily at Larkin's,Derby,N.Y.	(many members)
Brown Creeper	"	20	1 Grand Island	(Andrle,Pause)
	"	27	1 Derby,N.Y.	(Pvt. Brockner)
Robin	Jan	4	1 Forest Lawn	(Savage)
	Feb	27	1 Tonawanda	(Hartma nn fide Mitchell)
Meadowlark	"	16	1 Gainesville	(E.V.Smith's)
	"	18	3 Near Big Tree,N.Y.	(Bourne)
	"	19	1 Holland	(James)
	"	20	1 Grand Island	(Andrle, Pause)
Redwing	"	25	1 Grand Island	(Savage,Wright)
	"	27	50 Gainesville	(E.V.Smith's)
	"	27	18 Athol Springs	(Pvt. Brockner)
	"	27	80 " "	(Savage, Mitchell, Wright)
Bronzed Grackle	"	27	6 Springbrook	(Wild)
Cowbird	"	13	1 all winter,East Aurora	(")
	"	20	1 Olean	(Byron)
	"	27	2 Athol Springs	(Brockner)
Cardinal	1pair all winter-320 Lincoln Pkwy.			(Miss Schmill fide Thorpe)
	Feeding regularly -Holland,N.Y.			(James)
	Feb. 6		3 Gowanda,N.Y.	(Andrle,Pause)
	"	6 and previously,1 city Hospital		(Weierheiser)
	"	6	approximately 50 , Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
Evening Grosbeak	"	2,22,29-	22 Hamburg,N.Y	(Mrs. Brettle,Mrs.Creighton
	"	27	12 Hamburg,N.Y.	(Pause)
Redpoll	"	22	50 Wilson,N.Y.	(Wright)
Goldfinch	"	6	60 Irving,N.Y.	(")
	"	6	1 Derby,N.Y.	(Andrle, Pause)
White-thr. Sparrow	"	6	2 Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
Song Sparrow	"	daily	Larkin's,Derby,N.Y.	(Several members)
	"	29	1 East Aurora	(Wild)
Snow Bunting	"	2	2 Fuhrmann Drive	(Wright)
	"	4	100 Gainesville	(E.V.Smith's)
	"	13	200 Wanaka	(Creighton, Savage)
	"	19	40 Holland	(James)
	"	20	20 Leroy	(Ulrich et al)
	"	27	150 Derby	(Pause)
Lapland Longspur	"	13	2 Wanaka	(Savage)
	"	19	1 Holland	(James)

New Species for February 1944 3 (Kildeer,Redwing, Grackle)
Total to date for 1944 79

Notes

Reports from Rochester,N.Y. submitted by Wm.L.G.Edson include February records of: Hooded Merganser,Cooper's Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Screech Owl, Short-eared Owl,Kingfisher, Prairie Horned Lark,White-throated Sparrow and 3 Evening Grosbeaks in Highland Park on the 29th.

There are many interesting reports in the Bulletin of New England Bird Life for January,the most notable being the greatest flight of Evening Grosbeaks on record for that region. Redpolls were also common,while Purple Finches,Larks and Snow Buntings were very scarce. An unusual rarity , a Gray Sea Eagle, a resident of Greenland and Iceland was observed from Jan. 15 to 30 at Newburyport , Mass by many observers,and on one day a Bald Eagle was present for comparison. A European Black-headed Gull was also seen there on the 23rd. A Great Gray Owl near Lyme Ct. and an American Three-toed Woodpecker on Block Island ,Dec.16 are also great rarities

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, April 12th- Humboldt room of Museum of Science - 8 P.M.
Report of the spring duck census

Wednesday, April 26th., Humboldt room Museum of Science - 8 P.M.
A Naturalist Abroad -- Rufus LeFevre

Saturday Morning Walks

Meet at arch in Delaware Park -- at 7 A.M.

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THE MONTH

March was characterized by many sudden variations in temperature above and below the normal mean, and by precipitation on twenty-six days. Snow, though light, fell on twenty-one days, which is unusual, even for Buffalo. During the first three weeks, there was little to encourage spring migrants. A few individuals, going by the calander rather than the weather, appeared somewhat in advance of the main bodies of their kind, but in general the migration was rather backward. In analyzing any season, it is well to disregard earliest records and uncommon species, and to study the dates when the more abundant species first become common. From this aspect, the cold period from the 18th to the 21st, and the warm period from the 22nd to the 25th, emerge as having had particular significance. The warm week-end of the 11th and 12th had been a bit too early and much too short-lived to bring Robins to Buffalo. The similar mild spell on the 16th and 17th was not too early, but again was of such short duration that only a very few Robins appeared. The cold period which followed, effectively put a stop to this migration movement, and it was not until the mild weather which started on the 22nd, that the main body of Robins arrived. The same effect of the weather was noticable in the case of the Golden-crowned Kinglets, which were scarce prior to the 22nd, but were everywhere soon after that date. Bonaparte's Gulls were not reported as having arrived by the end of the month, further evidence that the season was a few days later than normal. Ice still stubbornly covered the inland ponds, and "dabbling" ducks were still poorly represented. Swans were on the open river, and newspaper reports spoke of the large flocks at Fort Erie and Niagara Falls. Our observers found many small groups, but apparently missed the main flight, which must have passed through very quickly.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

March 1944

Pied-bld.Grebe	Mar.30 (F)	1 Burnt Ship Creek	(Mitchell)
Gr.Blue Heron	" 19 (F)	1 Irving	(Andrle, Pause)
	" 26	Many near heronry at O.O.	(B.O.S. trip)
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	" 22	2 Goat Island	(Mitchell, Swanson)
Whistling Swan	" 18 (F)	5 Niagara Falls	(Savage)
	" 22	20 flying near Fredonia	(J.Salhoff, fide Stenley)
	" 25	300 Navy Island	(Wright)
	" 26	80 O.O.-1 Transit Sinks	(Mitchel et al)
	" 27	Many reported Niagara Falls	(Buffalo Eve. News)
	" 30,31	7,8 Burnt Ship Creek	(Mitchell, Beardslee)

Bluebird	Mar 18	2	Gainesville,N.Y.	(Smiths)
	" 19	2	Irving,N.Y.	(Andrle,Pause)
Ruby-crd. Kinglet	". 27	1	Forest Lawn	(Savage)
Cedar Waxwing	" 5	7	East Aurora,N.Y.	(Wild)
Meadowlark	" 20	1	Gainesville,N.Y.	(Smiths)
Red-winged Blackbird	" 12	2	East Aurora,N.Y.	(Wild)
	" 13	1	Nort Buffalo,	(Andrle)
	" 16	1	Buffalo	(Beardslee)
Rusty Blackbird	" 16 (F)		Gainesville,N.Y.	(Smiths)
Bron zed Grackle	" 7	1	Wanakah,N.Y.	(Wright)
	" 16		Gainesville,N.Y.	(Smiths)
	" 17	3	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Cowbird	" 19		Gainesville	(Smiths)
Cardinal	" 22	1	Forest Lawn	(Beardslee)
	" 25	1	Sinking Ponds	(Wild)
Redpoll	" 12	5	Irving	(Wright)
	" 5	200	East Aurora,N.Y.	(Wild)
	" 22	50	Wilson,N.Y.	(Wright)
	" 25	500	Wanakah,N,Y.	(")
Goldfinch	" 25	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Swamp Sparrow	" 25		Sinking Ponds	(Wild)
Song Sparrow	Feb 27	1	Warsaw,N.Y.	(Thompson)
	Mar. 5	3	East Aurora,N.Y.	(Wild)
	" 6	1	Holland,N.Y.	(Pratt,fide James)
Snow Bunting	" 4 (L)	150	Armor,N.Y.	(Wright)

New species for March 1944---17
Total to date for 1944-------96

Spring Duck Census April 2, 1944

Territory- Western New York,west of the Genesee River;Canadian Shore of Lake Erie as far as Point Abino; Niagara River,both shores to Niagara Falls, Grand Island.
Temperature - 30- 40 degrees F.
Weather - Moderate to fresh north west wind;clear at start; cloudy,light rain and snow flurries later in day; some ice on ponds and much ice in the Niagara River.
Territories and observers as follows-

A. Buffalo Harbor and Canadian Shore of Niagara River to Niagara Falls-Savage,Webster
B. American Shore of Niagara River to Niagara Falls;Hyde Park;Youngstown, Bond Lake, and Wilson area- Mitchell,Moore, Thorpe, Wolfling.
C. Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, Peace Bridge to Point Abino- Andrle, Hedley
D. Niagra Falls- Rogerson
E. Grand Island- north half-Pause,Filor
F. Grand Island- south half- Seeber
G Harris Hills, Newstead Sinks- A. Ulrich, Wendling, Brown
H. Forest Lawn Cemetery & Delaware Park- Schaffner
I. Sinking Ponds;Lime,Crystal, Silver, Rushford lakes and Sandusky-Creightons,Winship
J. Batavia area; NU,Horseshoe,&Leroy Lakes and Leroy.-Pixley
K. Dunkirk,Fredonia area;Cassadaga & Bear Lakes-Stanleys, Meroneys, Schober.
L. Castile- Thompson
M. Gainesville- E.V.Smiths
N. Braddocks Bay & O.O.-Dr. & Mrs Gordon Meade
O. O.O,,-Tilleys,Facklam, Overfield
P. Wanakah and Lake Shore to Irving and Gowanada- Bert Wright
Q. Hamburg to Eden to Springville- Mr. & Mrs. -Bartlett Wright
R. Derby,N.Y.- H.H.Larkin
S. Lincoln Park- Beardslee

Observations- Loon,5-(F-I-K-),Horned Grebe-4-I ,Pied-billed Grebe-8-(E-G-K-N-),

Great Blue Heron- 32, Black-crowned Night Heron-166-(B-H-), Am. Bittern-3-(K-N), Whistling Swan-95, Canada Goose-6316, Common Mallard-344,Red-l. & Com. Black Duck-303, Gadwald-12-(E), Baldpate-809, Pintail-1551, Green-w.Teal-17, Blue-w. Teal-10, Shoveller-2-(I-K), Wood Duck-5-(P),Redhead-128,Ring-n. Duck-95, Canvasback-616, Greater and Lesser Scaup-2812,Am. Goldeneye-688, Bufflehead-87, Old Squaw-43, Ruddy Duck-3-(J),Hodded Merganser-41,Am. Merganser-816, Red-br. Merganser-315, Turkey Vulture-1-(N),Sharp-sh. Hawk,2-, Cooper's Hawk-3, Red-tailed Hawk-11,Red-sh. Hawk -13, Bald Eagle-1-(G)Marsh Hawk-52, Sparrow Hawk-43, Ring-n. Pheasant-60, Coot-7-(E-K),Killdeer-78,Woodcock-3-(F-H),Wilson's Snipe-1-(M), Greater Yellow-legs-1-(G), Glaucous Gull-1-(A),Great Black Backed Gull -11, Herring Gull-3300, Ring-b. Gull2177, Bonaparte's Gull-21-(B-C),Mourning Dove-49, Screech Owl-1-(B),Gt. Horned Owl-4-(C-F), Barred Owl-1-(B),Shorteared Owl-4-(B),Kingfisher-1-(E),Flicker-9, Red-bellied Woodpecker-2-(I-J),Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-1-(B),Hairy Woodpecker-8, Downy Woodpecker -41, Phoebe-9,Prairie Horned Lark-58, Blue Jay-17, Crow-1083, Black-c. Chickadee-122, White-br. Nuthatch-19,Red-br. Nuthatch-1-,Brown Creeper-14, Winter Wren- 3-(B-P),Robin-964,Bluebird-45, Golden-cr. Kinglet-74, Migrant Shrike-4-(F-K-O),Starling -3642, English Sparrow-895,Meadowlark-86, Redwing-1264,several flocks of mixed balckbirds,mostly Redwings, totaling approx.-3100 individuals.-(M),Rusty Blackbird-77, Bronzed Grackle-117, Cowbird-161,Cardinal-23, Common Redpoll-1033, Hoary Redpoll -1-(I), Henslow's Sparrow-1-(F), Vesper Sparrow-4-(K-M-Q), Slate-colored Junco-169, Tree Sparrow-204, Fox Sparrow-5, Song Sparrow-554,

Total species for 1944--89	Total species for Apr. 11,1943--94
Individuals " " --35,072	Individuals " " " " --38,296

The generally rainy and cold weather of the preceding week probably affected the northward migration to some extent. On the whole, the numbers of ducks compares favorably with the previous census,with a few execptions, but the earlier date this year and the smaller number of parties in the field must be considered. About 6000 Canada Geese were seen at Oak Orchard compared with 7500 and 8000 in the two preceding years. Approximately 165 Night Herons were seen by Mr. Mitchell's party over a small woods near the Wickwire plant. Baldpate numbered 809, 400 of these being reported by Dr. Meade's party at Braddock's Bay. Only 400 or so Pintail were seen at O.O. compared with thousands or more in some earlier years,while about 1000 were reported from the Sinks near Buffalo. A decrease in the number of Ring-necked Ducks was noted although the early date of the census probably accounted for this . Mrs. Pixley reported 3 Ruddy Duck from Nu Lake. The increase in numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers had apparently not developed yet as almost three times as many Americans were noted. Only one Turky Vulture was reported and no Rough-legged Hawks. Only 21 Bonaparte's Gulls were recorded as compared with 283 and 565 in the two previous years. Adding to the list of owls, Mr. Mitchell's party reported a Screech Owl,a Barred Owl and four Short -eared Owls from the Wilson area. No Swallows or Hermit Thrushes were reported.Over twice as many Rusty Blackbirds were reported than in the two preceding years. The number of Cowbirds and Grackles showed a marked decrease.Approx. 1033 Redpolls were reported from four widespread localities in flocks of 78,200, 255,and 500. The flock seen by the Creightons' party numbered about 500,including one Hoary Redpoll,which stayed out of the flock and gave the members of the party a good opportunity to closely observeit. The Hoary Redpoll is slightly smaller than the Common Redpoll and is a whiter bird.The best field marks is the white rump which has no streakings. No Towhees,Savannah or Swamp Sparrows were reported. Another outstanding record of the day was a Henslow's Sparrow,seen by Mr. Seeber in a field on Grand Island near the South Bridge. It was not only well seen ,but was singing. This is three weeks earlier than any previous record for our territory.

The leader wishes to thank all those who participated, for covering their territories as thoroughly as possible and for their cooperation in this census.

R.A .Andrle.

Canada Goose	Mar	18		24&15	Fort Erie,Ont. &Niagara R. (Savage)
	"	19		15	Fuhrmann Dr. (Mitchell)
	"	22		20	Lyndonville (Smith)
	"	26		1000	O.O. (Mitchell et al)
	"	27		24	Over North Buffalo(Andrle)
	"	30		4	Burnt Ship Creek (Mitchell)
Baldpate	"	11	(F)	2	Grand Is. (Savage, Mitchell,Wright)
	"	11		5	Buffalo Harbor (Wright)
Pintail	"	19			" " (Savage)
	"	26		3200	O.O. (Mitchell et al)
Green-winged Teal	"	26	(F)	4	Transit Sinks (Filor, Hedley)
Redhead	"	11		2	Buffalo Harbor (Wright)
	"	19		25	" " (Savage)
Ring-necked Duck	"	19	(F)	2	Irving (Andrle, Pause)
	"	26		8	Clarence Sinks (Mitchell et al)
	"	28		2	Lyndonville (Smith)
Hooded Merganser	"	26	(F)	1	Clarence Sinks (Mitchell et al)
	"	27		7	Wanakah,N.Y. (Wright)
Turkey Vulture	"	19	(F)	1	Irving (Pause et al)
	"	24		4	Lyndonville (Smith)
	"	26		7	O.O. (Mitchell et al)
Cooper's Hawk	"	5		1	Grand Island (J.&A.Savage)
	"	21		2	" " (Beardslee)
Red-shld Hawk	"	12	(F)	1	migrating N.E. Irving (Wright)
	"	19		8	" " " " (Andrle,Pause)
	"	25			Sinking ponds (Wild)
	"	26		5	Clarence Sinks &O.O. (Mitchell et al)
Rough-lgd Hawk	"	24		1	Boston,N.Y. (Somerside)
	"	26		1	Clarence Sinks (Mitchell et al)
Ruffed Grouse	"	26	(F)	1	Holland,N.Y. (James)
Coot	"	30 &31	(F)	1	Burnt Ship Creek (Mitchell,Beardslee)
Killdeer	"	13	(F)	1	Holland,N.Y. (James)
	"	16		3	Gainesville,N.Y. (Smiths)
	"	16		2	Delaware Park (Blackmer, Reischel)
Woodcock	"	18	(F)	1	Lincoln Park (Andrle)
Glaucous Gull	"	4&19		1	Fuhrmann Dr. (Andrle, Pause, Wright, Savage)
Mourning Dove	Jan	18		1	Niagara Falls (Rogerson)
	Mar	23		1	Wanakah,N.Y. (Wright)
	"	25		1	Sinking Ponds-Gainesville(Wild)(Smiths)
Screech Owl	"	1		1	East Aurora,N.Y. (Wild)
	"	28		1	" " " " (Wander)
Gr. Horned Owl	"	5		1	Grand Island (J&A.Savage)
Snowy Owl	"	3&10	(F)	1	Route 77 near Main St.(Beadle)
Kingfisher	"	5		2	Holland,N.Y. (Pratt,fide James)
Flicker	"	8	(F)	1	Brocton,N.Y. (Mitchell)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	12		1	near Springville,N.Y. (Pause, Filor)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	30	(F)	1	Goat Island (Mitchell)
Phoebe	"	27	(F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Beardslee)
	"	28		2	" " " (Mitchell)
Acadian Chickadee(Subs.?)	"	4,13,19		1	Derby,N.Y. (Andrle, Wright, Pause)
	"	28			last date at Derby,N.Y.(H.H.Larkin)
Tufted Titmouse	"	4		1	Derby,N.Y. (Andrle,Pause)
Red-brst.Nuthatch	"	11		1	Forest Lawn Cem. (Mitchell)
Robin	Feb.	27			Warsaw,N.Y. (Thompson)
	Mar	3		1	South Buffalo (Wendling)
	"	12		1	U. of B.Campus (Andrle)
	"	12		1	Lyndonville,N.Y. (Smith)
	"	13		1	East Aurora,N.Y. (Wild)
	"	13		1	Wanakah,N.Y. (Wright)
	"	14		1	Gainesville,N.Y. (Smiths)

NOTES

Birds reported from Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G.Edson for the first week in March include Coot, Screech Owl, Barred Owl,Robin, Evening Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin and Goldfinch. The following week Canada Goose and Redpolls were reported. During the week ending March 17-Sharp-shinned Hawk, Kildeer,Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Mockingbird,Bluebird, Meadowlark, Redwings, and Bronzed Grackle were seen, followed the succeeding week by Great Blue Heron,Baldpate, Pin-tail, and cowbird. The last week of March brought Horned Grebe,Redheads ,Ring-necked Duck, Canvas-back,both Scaups, Bufflehead,Old Squaw,and Hooded Merganser; also Cooper's Hawk, Red-shd, Hawk, Mourning Dove, Flicker,Red-bellied Woodpecker,Pipit, a very early Myrtle Warbler, Vesper and Field Sparrows. Evening and Pine Grosbeaks were still present as the month ended.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for February again mentions the large numbers of Evening Grosbeaks and Redpolls through the month. Two Sharp-shinned Hawks were noted attacking small birds at feedingstations. Larks, Snowbuntings and Long-spurs continued to be scarce. Mockingbirds were seen at many places and as far north as Brewer ,Me. There was a wave of early migrants during Feburary,including Blue-birds,Redwings,and Bronzed Grackle, with some record early dates, for certain loc-alities. Rarities include Hoary Redpoll and Greater Redpoll, and White-crowned Sparr-ow.

H.D.Mitchell

** Attention** There is some possibility that a spring meeting will be held at the Pymatuning Reservoir on Sat. and Sunday- May 13-14. The uncertainty of the plans makes it impossible to announce any definite information at this time. For information, call H.D.Mitchell early in that week. His Telephone-Un. 8532.

Future Events

Meetings

Wed. May 10th-8 P.M. -- Humboldt room -Buffalo Museum of Science
Bird Pictures-----James Savage.
Plans for the spring census-----C.S.Beardslee ,leader

Wed. May 24th-8 P.M. - Humboldt room-- Buffalo Museum of Science.
Census report.

Field Trips

Sunday Apr. 30th- Trip to the home of Mr. Harry Larkin ,Derby,N.Y.
Take the Greyhound bus that leaves the terminal at 9 A.M.--Bring lunch.

Sunday May 21st. Annual spring census-- C.S.Beardslee ,leader.

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The Month

April was a cold ,wet month. Mean temperature was 41 degrees,compared with normal of 44. Precipitation during the month totaled 4.62 inches,highest in sixty-six years, and nearly double the normal of 2.56 inches. The transition from American Merganser-- Goldeneye population to Red-breasted Merganser--Scaup on the river took place later than usual, due apparently to the continued low temperatures in the early part of the month. Observers reported a poor migration of pond ducks, with a notable scarcity of the less common species. This is hardly to be accounted for by the fact that many of the permanent lakes and ponds were frozen over well into the month, for the " sinks" to the north were well flooded and free of ice. The last week of the month was very cold, and small land birds refrained from "beating the gun",being content for the most part to wait until May before invading western New York. Outstanding was the extremely early record of the American Egret.

C.S.B.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

April 1944

Holboell's Grebe	Apr.24 (F)	1	Buckhorn Is.	(Hedley)
Horned Grebe	" 5	1	Harris Hill	(Andrle)
	" 10	1	picked up in ditch ,Bflo Airport	
	" 10	1	" " on roof,Main &Michigan St.Bflo.	
	" 10	15	Clarence Sinks	(Wright)
American Egret	" 24 (F)	1	Beaver Island Park	(Hickman ,Mansfield)
Green Heron	" 23 (F)	1	Irving	(Savage,Mitchell, Wrights
	" 23 (F)	1	E. Pembroke	(Pause)
Least Bittern	" 29 (F)	1	Hamburg	(Creightons)
Whistling Swan	" 1,6	80,70	O.O.	(Wright,Mitchell)
	" 22	1	E. Concord	(Wright)
	" 23	1	Irving	(Savage et al)
Canada Goose	" 29	750	O.O.	(Sommerside)
	" 30	2000	Shadigee	(Sommerside)
Gadwall	" 9-22	1 to 6	Burnt Ship Creek	(Many Observers)
Shoveller	" 1 (F)	15	O.O	(Wright)
	" 23	2	Burntship Creek	(Filor, Hedley)
	" 27	1	Batavia	(Pixley)
Wood Duck	" 6	2	Forestville	(Stanley)
	" 8	2	Lyndonville	(W.A. Smith)
	" 15	4	Hermitage	(Andrle)

White-winged Scoter	Apr. 18-27	1	Dunkirk	(Stanley)
	" 26	1	Delaware Park Lake	(Mitchell)
	" 29	4	Ft. Erie,Ont.	(Wright)
Ruddy Duck	" 23	2	Irving	(Savage et al)
	" 23-24	7,11	Buckhorn Is.	(Hedley, Filor, Sommersi
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 22	1	N. Boston	(Wright)
	" 30	43	S. shore Lake Erie	(Andrle, Filor, Hedley)
Cooper's Hawk	" 30	19	" " " "	(" " ")
Broad-winged Hawk	" 24(F)	39	Derby,N.Y.	(H.H.Larkin)
	" 24(F)	2	Lyndonville,N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
	" 28	1	Lincoln Park	(Sommerside)
	" 30	114	S. Shore Lake Erie	(Andrle, Filor, Headly)
	" 30	2	Fredonia,N.Y.	(Stanley)
Rough-legged Hawk	" 28 (L)	2	Lincoln Park	(Sommerside)
Osprey	" 13 (F)	1	Little Valley,N.Y.	(")
	" 15	1	Rushford,N.Y.	(Wright)
	" 16	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
	" 23,24, 29, 30-Irving, Derby, Cassadaga, Fredonia,Lyndonville (Many observers)			
Pigeon Hawk	" 23(F)	1	Irving	(Savage et al)
	" 30	3	S. Shore of Lake Erie	(Andrle et al)
Virginia Rail	" 29(F)	1	Sinking Ponds E. Aurora	(James)
Sora Rail	" 29(F)	1	" " " " "	
	" 29(F)	1	Cassadaga	(Stanley)
Wilson's Snipe	" 10-28	1-3	Taunton & Starin Sts. Bflo.	(Andrle)
	" 17	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	(Creightons)
	" 17	1	Tift St. Pflo.	(Wright)
Upland Plover	" 16 (F)	1	Grand Island	(Mitchell, Hedley)
	" 22	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	(Creightons)
Spotted Sandpiper	" 22 (F)	2	E.Pembroke,N.Y.	(Pause)
Solitary Sandpiper	" 22 (F)	1	E. Concord,N.Y.	(Wright)
Gt. Yellow-legs	" 1(F)	2	Clarence Sinks	(Wright)
	" 23	1	Irving ,N.Y.	(Savage et al)
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 28(F)	1	Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
Glaucous Gull	" 20	1	Buffalo Harbor	(Mitchell)
Bonaparte's Gull	" 1	3	Clarence Sinks	(Wright)
Common Tern	" 21 (F)	3	Nia. River,Bflo.	(Mitchell)
Caspian Tern	" 27(F)	4	Beaver Is.Pk,Grand Is.	(Wright)
Black Tern	" 29 (F)	2	Castile,N.Y.	(Thompson)
	" 30	2	Buffalo Harbor	(Andrle et al)
Screech Owl	" 18	1	Lyndonville, N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
	" 23	1	E.pembroke,N.Y.	(Pause)
Barred Owl	" 15	1	Hermitage,N.Y.	(Andrle)
Saw-whet Owl	" 3 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	(Wright et al)
	" 23	1	E. Pembroke,N.Y.	(Pause)
Whip-poor-will	" 24 (F)	1	Derby,N.Y.	(H.H.Larkin)
Chimney Swift	" 30(F)	1,10,3-Jamestown,Ft.Erie,Ont.,Irving,(Beal, Schaffner,Andrle et al)		
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 26 (F)	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Kourelis,rep. Stanley)
Tree Swallow	" 13(F)	1	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	" 14		Niagara Falls,N.Y.	(Orcutt)
Bank Swallow	" 15(F)	3	E. Concord	(Wrights)
	" 23	2	Harris Hill	(Andrle)
Rough-winged Swallow	" 22(F)	1	Grand Island	(Filor)
Barn Swallow	" 16(F)		Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Cliff Swallow	" 15 (F)	3	E. Concord	(Wrights)
Purple Martin	" 16 (F)		Batavia	(Pixley)
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 10		Derby	(H.H.Larkin)
House Wren	" 30(F)	3	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Brown Thrasher	" 18 (F)	1	Dunkirk	(Stanley)

Catbird	Apr.27(F)	1	Jamestown	(Beal)
Wood Thrush	" 25(F)	1	Delaware Pk.	(Tilley)
Hermit Thrush	" 1 (F)	1	Forest Lawn Cem	(Filor)
Olive-backed Thrush	" 27(F)	1	" " "	(Wendling, Filor)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	" 30(F)	1	Erie Beach,Ont.	(Mitchell, Schaffner)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 22		North Boston	(Wright)
	" 20	1	Lincoln Park	(Sommerside)
	" 20	1	South Pk,Bflo,	(Mitchell)
Cedar Waxwing	" 10		Hamburg	(Bourne)
	" 16	6	Brampton Rd.	(Wendling)
Pipit	" 12 (F)	5	Cattaraugus	(Sommerside)
Migrant Shrike	" 13	2	Maple & Harris Hill rds.	(Andrle)
	" 15	1	Springville	(Wright)
	" 16	2	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
Yellow-throated Vireo	" 29(F)	8	Cassadaga Outlet	(Stanley et al)
Blue-headed Vireo	" 24(F)	1	Niagara Falls	(Orcutt)
Warbling Vireo	" 29 (F)	3	Cassadaga Outlet	(Stanley et al)
Black & White Warbler	" 27 (F)	1	Dunkirk	(Stanley)
Nashville Warbler	" 30(F)	1	Irving	(Andrle et al)
	" 30(F)	1	Harris Hill	(Wendling)
	" 30(F)	3	Erie Beach ,Ont.	(Mitchell)
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	" 30(F)	1	Buckhorn Is.	(Seeber)
Myrtle Warbler	" 20(F)		Delaware Pk	(Hickman, Mansfield)
	" 20(F)		Niagara Falls	(Orcutt)
Black-thr. Green Warbler	" 30(F)	5	Ft. Erie,Ont.	(Mitchell)
	" 30(F)	1	Holland	(Pratt,fide James)
Pine Warbler	" 30(F)	2	Jamestown	(Beal)
	" 30 (F)	1	Erie Beach,Ont.	(Savage, Mitchell et al
W. Palm Warbler	" 24 (F)		Grand Island	(Hickman,Mansfiled)
Bobolink	" 30(F)	1	Gainesville.	(E.V.Smiths)
	" 30(F)		Harris Hill	(Wendling)
Baltimore Oriole	" 27 (F)	1	Near Bear Lake	(Miss Fontana,fide Stanl
Evening Grosbeak	" 16,23	12,	1 E. Aurora	(Wild)
Purple Finch	" 27(F)		Delaware Park	(Hickman ,Mansfield)
	" 27 (F)		Forest Lawn	(Filor, Hedley)
Pine Grosbeak	" 7 (L)	1	Lyndonville	(W. Smith)
Common Redpoll	" 1	170	Clarence	(Wright)
	" 13	150	Harris Hill,12 Lincoln Pk.	(Andrle)
	" 22	75	N.Boston	(Wright)
Pine Siskin	" 30	3	Jamestown	(Beal)
	" 30	1	Derby	(H.H.Larkin)
Red-eyed Towhee	" 16(F)	1	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Savannah Sparrow	" 13(F)	10	Amherst	(Andrle)
Grasshopper Sparrow	" 29(F)	1	Hamburg	(Creightons)
Henslow's Sparrow	" 30(F)	2	Lakeview	(Andrle et al)
Tree Sparrow	" 30(L)		Harris Hill	(Wendling)
Chipping Sparrow	" 8(F)	1	Fredonia	(Stanley)
	" 15	4	Forest Lawn	(Filor)
Field Sparrow	" 12	1	Little Valley	(Sommerside)
White-crd. Sparrow	" 30(F)	Several	,Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
White-thr. Sparrow	" 14		Castile	(Thompson)
	" 15	1	Sardinia	(Andrle)
	" 16		Harris Hill	(Wendling)
Fox Sparrow	" 1 (F)	2	Forrest Lawn	(Filor, Schaffner)
	" 1 (F)	1	Castile	(Thompson)
Snow Bunting	" 13 (L)	300-400.	Little Valley	(Sommerside)

New Species for April	1944	69
Total to Date for	1944	165

Nesting Records

Kildeer	Apr. 30	N4E	Lyndonville	(W. Smith)
Mourning Dove	" 14	N1E	"	" "
	" 22	N2E	Blossom,N.Y	(James)
	" 29	N2E	E. Elmar.,N.Y	(Simmons)
Great Horned Owl	" 4	lon N	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	" 24	N2Y	Grand Island	(Mansfiled ,Hickman)
Praire H. Lark	" 14	N3E	Grover Cl. Golf Course	(Castle rep.Webster)
Crow	" 22	N3E	Grand Island	(Mitchell)
	" 30	N4E	Lyndonville	(W. Smith)
Bluebird	" 23	N3E	"	(" ")

NOTES

Birds noted in Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G. Edson for the first week in April include Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Whistling Swan, Gadwall.,Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck, Coot, Woodcock, Kingfisher, Phoebe and Fox Sparrow as migrants with Evening and Pine Grosbeaks and Redpolls still present.

The following week added Shoveller, Bittern, Wilson's Snipe, Upland Plover, Spotted Sandpiper,Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Chipping &Swamp Sparrows.

During the third week of April Holboell's Grebe, White-wng. Scoter, Osprey, Iceland Gull, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Ruby-crd. Kingletand White-thr. Sparrow were noted.

During the last week of the month records include Red-thr. Loon, Broad-winged Hawk, Virginia Rail, sora Rail, Glaucous Gull, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Bank,Rough-wgd. and Cliff Swallows, Black&White Warbler,Palm Warbler, and Northern Water Thrush.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for March features the "tremendous flight of Redpolls,including several Hoaries and Greaters, life birds to most observers." A cold and windy March tended to hold back early migrants. Rarities included Short-billed Gull and European Black-headed Gull at Newburyport,Mass,which seems to be an unusually fine gathering place for rare Laridae. A flock of 8 Tree Swallows wintered at S. Harwich, and a Blue-winged Warbler was reported to have wintered in Stamford ,Conn.

Future Events

Meetings

1- June 14,1944-- at Old Fort Erie Park,Ont.---- 6 P.M.--- Picnic Supper

2- June 28,1944-- Delaware Park-- North of Zoo-- 6 P.M.--- Picnic Supper

Field Trip

Sunday June 18th -- to Lyndonville,N.Y. Take 8:05 Greyhound Bus to Medina. Smiths will meet the group.

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The Month

May 1944 was,by a considerable margin,the warmest May in the history of the Buffalo weather bureau. Mean temperature was 63.4 degrees,compared with mormal of 55.9. When we realize that the average for June is 64.4 degrees,we begin to appreciate how unseasonably warm May was. The latter part of April had been cool, and migrat had been retarded,but starting with April 30 and continuing through May 5, Midsummer temperatures prevailed,with high of 85 degrees on the third. Almost every species of warbler was reported during this warm spell,many of them being unusually early in arriving. However,the concensus of all observers' opinions seems to indicate that these small land birds did not come in waves this year.Rather they appeared to drift through in fair numbers each day,with little fluctuation,and on no single day were the trees and bushes "swarming" with them. The last eleven days of the month were so warm that they averaged two degrees higher than normal July weather,with no less than five days showing temperature of 86 or higher. The effect on nidification was marked, with many species being reported as nesting considerably earlier than usual. Shore birds were affected slightly,if at all, by the advanced season,being very hard to find on the census, and not appearing in numbers until rather late in the month,as usual. The most unusual record for May was the Black Vulture seen at Lyndonville. The bird was well seen, and the observer, Will Smith, is fortunately very familiar with the bird through many extended birding trips through the South. This is only the second record for Western New York.Other noteworthy records were Kentucky Warbler, Redpoll(very Late),Evening Grosbeaks still present,and the amazing nu,ber of Gnatcatcher records,including four nests.

Species marked by an asterisk in both noteworthy records and census list are new for the month of May.

Noteworthy & Migration Records

Loon	May 27 (L)	1	Sherkston,Ont.	(Andrle ,Hedley)
*Red-thr. Loon	" 23 (F)	2	Morgan's Pt.,Ont	(Wright)
Least Bittern	" 13	1	Wanakah,N.Y.	(Wright)
	" 14	1	Irving,N.Y.	(Thorpe et al)
	" 28	2	Sherkston,Ont.	(Filor,Schaffner)
Whistling Swan	" 15 (L)	1	Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
Pintail	" 31 (L)	7	Canadian Shore	(Mansfield,Hickman)
Canvasback	" 14 (L)	2	Dunkirk Harbor	(Thorpe et al)
Lsr. Scaup Duck	" 30	14	Port Colborne,Ont.	(Andrle et al)
Bufflehead	" 11	2	Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley)

White-wn. Scoter	May	7	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley,Meroney)
	"	14 (L)	2	BeaverIsland	(Mitchell)
Ruddy Duck	"	7 (L)	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	(Creightons)
Amer. Merganser	"	27 (L)	2	Bertie Bay,Ont.	(Andrle,Hedley)
Red-br. "	"	30 (L)	15	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(" et al)
*Black Vulture	"	23	1	Lyndonville,N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
Broad-wn. Hawk	"	4	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley)
" " "	"	5,18	1	Lincoln Park.	(Mansfield,Hickman)(Andrle)
" " "	"	14	1	Rochester, Gr. Is.	(G.O.S.census)(Mitchell
Bald Eagle	"	1	1	Niagara Falls,N.Y.	(Rogerson)
	"	14	1	Shadigee(Pixley)	Rochester(G.O.S.census)
Osprey	"	7	2	Sinking Ponds(Webster)	Bird Is.(Andrle)
	"	9	1	Lyndonville,N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
	"	23	1	Waterport,N.Y.	(Pixley)
Pigeon Hawk	"	4	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley)
	"	20	1	Delaware Pk	(Mitchell,Andrle)
Virginia Rail	"	5	1	Gainesville,N.Y.	(E.V.Smiths)
	"	30	1	O.O.	(Wendlings)
Sora Rail	"	12	1	O.O.	(Beardslee)
*Florida Gallinule	"	3 (F)	2	Dunkirk Harbor	(Stanley et al)
	"	3 (F)	1	Horseshoe Lake	(Pixley)
*Piping Plover	"	23 (F)	1	Sherkston,Ont.	(Wrights)
	"	27	2	" "	(Andrle,Hedley)
*Semipalmated Plover	"	27	1	" "	(" ")
*Black-bl. Plover	"	28	37	(Flock)Pt.Colborne,Ont.	(Filor,Schaffner)
*Ruddy Turnstone	"	27	38	" Bertie Bay,Ont.	(Andrle, Hedley)
	"	28	50	Canadian Shore	(Filor, Schaffner)
Wilson's Snipe	"	19	1	Taunton&Starin Aves	(Andrle)
*Hudsonian Curlew	"	27	9	Bertie Bay,Ont.	(" , Hedley)
	"	28	16	Ft. Colborne,Ont.	(Filor, Schaffner)
Solitary Sandpiper	"	4	1	Humboldt Pkwy.	(Thorpe)
	"	5	1	Gainesville,N.Y.	(E.V.Smiths)
	"	8,9	1	Taunton&Starin Aves	(Andrle)
Gtr. Yellow-legs	"	1	19	Clarence Sinks	(Mitchell)
Lsr. Yellow-legs	"	1	6	Clarence "&Nice Rd.	(")
	"	6	2	Taunton &Starin Aves	(Andrle)
*Knot	"	27 (F)	5	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Andrle,Hedley)
	"	29	9	Morgan's Pt.Ont.	(Wrights)
	"	31	10	Mohawk& RochhousePts.	(Mansfield,Hickman)
*Least Sandpiper	"	14	8	Near Rochester	(G.O.S. census)
	"	27	2	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Andrle, Hedley)
*Red-bkd. Sandpiper	"	19 (F)	5	Canadian Shore	(Hickman)
	"	31	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	(" ,Mansfield)
*Semipal'td "	"	27	13	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Andrle,Hedley)
Glaucous Gull	"	3	1	Dunkirk Harbor	(Stanley)
*Yellow-bld Cuckoo	"	7 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Filor)
*Black - " "	"	3 (F)	1	Fredonia,N.Y.	(Stanley)
Whip-poor-will	"	1,3	2	Lincoln Pk.	(Somerwide,Kratzers)(Webster
	"	2	3	Evans Bay,E.Jewett Ave,	F. Lawn(Many Obs)
	"	6	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
*Nighthawk	"	11 (F)	1	Nort Buffalo	(Andrle)
*Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	"	4 (F)	1	Fredonia,N.Y.	(Meroneys)
Pileated Woodpecker	"	3	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	(Creightons)
*Kingbird	"	3 (F)	1	Jamestown,N.Y.	(Beal)
Crested Flycatcher	"	2 (F)	1	Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
* Yel-bellied Flycatcher	"	23	1	Forest Lawn	(Wrights)
* Least Flycatcher	"	1 (F)		Jamestown,N.Y.	(Beal)
	"	1 (F)	1	Lincoln Park	(Somerside, Kratzer
* Wood Pewee	"	11 (F)	2	Fredonia,Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley)

*Olive-sd. Flycatcher	May	11 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)
	"	12	1	Lincoln Park	(Andrle)
	"	14	1	Jamestown,N.Y.	(Beal)
	"	15	1	Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
Cliff Swallow	"	5	3	West Valley,N.Y.	(Somerside, Kratzers)
	"	9		O.O.	(Pixley)
Tufted Titmouse	"	14	1	Irving,N.Y.	(Thorpe et al)
Winter Wren	"	14 (L)	1	Barcelona,N.Y.	(" " ")
* Prairie Marsh Wren	"	4 (F)		Dunkirk,N.Y.	(Stanley)
* Sh-bld. " "	"	17 (F)-5 almost daily after Gainesville			(E.V.Smith)
* Mockingbird	"	14 (F)	1	Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
	"	18	1	Lincoln Park	(Andrle)
Wood Thrush	"	1		Hamburg,N.Y.	(Creightons)
Olv-bkd. Thrush	"	2		Forest Lawn	(Wright)
* Gr-chk. Thrush	"	8 (F)		" "	(Mansfield,Hickman)
	"	11	1	" "	" "
* Veery	"	2 (F)		Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	7	(1 ,7 ,1)	Harris Hill,Irving, F. Lawn.	(Sev.Obs)
	"	8		Forest Lawn	(Beardslee, Mansfield, Hickman)
	"	14	4	& N.Irving	(Thorpe et al)
	"	15	3	Forest Lawn	(Filor)
Pipit	"	5,7	11	Alden & Sinking Ponds	(Webster)
	"	2	2	"	"
Migrant Shrike	"	5	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	(Somerside,Kratzers)
	"	10	1	O.O.	(Pixley)
Yellow-thr. Vireo	"	3		Batavia,N.Y.	(")
* Red-eyed Vireo	"	12 (F)		Forest Lawn	(Mansfield,Hickman, Wright)
* Philadelphia Vireo	"	11 (F)	1	" " "	"
	"	12	1	" "	(Wright)
	"	13	1	" "	(Mitchell)
* Golden-wng. Warbler	"	10 (F)		Goat Island	(Orcutt)
	"	14		Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
	"	16		Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
* Blue-wng. Warbler	"	13 (F)	1	Brocton,N.Y.	(Stanley)
* Orange-cr. Warbler	"	14		Irving,N.Y.	(Wright)
	"	10 (F)	1	Lyndonville,N.Y.	(Mitchell)
*Tennessee Warbler	"	3 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Pause)
* Parula Warbler	"	4 (F)	1	" "	(Beardslee, Savage)
* Yellow Warbler	"	1 (F)		Reported by five observers.	
* Magnolia Warbler	"	2 (F)		Forest Lawn	(Wright)
* Cape May Warbler	"	4 (F)		Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
* Cerulian Warbler	"	7 (F)	1	Goat Island	(Orcutt)
	"	9		O.O.	(Pixley)
	"	10		Batavia,N.Y.	(")
* Blackburnian Warbler	"	1 (F)		Forest Lawn	(Wright)
* Chestnut-sided "	"	3 (F)	1	Gainesville,N.Y.	(E.V.Smith)
	"	3 (F)	1	Fredonia,N.Y.	(Meronerys)
* Bay-br.Warbler	"	11 (F)	3	Forest Lawn	(Mansfield,Hickman)
	"	11 (F)		Lyndonville,N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
	"	29 (L)		Morgan's Pt.Ont.	(Wright)
* Blackpoll Warbler	"	13 (F)	1	Hampton Brk.(James)	Fredonia (Stanley)
* Prairie Warbler	"	4,5(F)	1	Buckhorn Is.	(Orcutt, Mitchell,Beardslee)
	"	6	1	Gowanda,N.Y.	(Somerside,Kratzers)
	"	8	2	Buckhorn Is.	(Seeber)
* Overbird	"	1 (F)		Reported by 3 observers.	
* Nort. Water Thrush	"	1 (F)		Batavia,N.Y.	(Pixley)
* Louisiana " "	"	6 (F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Pause et al)
*Mourning Warbler	"	12 (F)	1	Leroy,N.Y.	(Beardslee)
N.Yellow-throat	"	3 (F)	2	Hoseshoe L (Pixley)	Dunkirk Harb.(Stanley)

* Hooded Warbler	May 3 (F)	1	Goat Island	(Orcutt)
* Wilson's Warbler	" 15(F)	1	Forest Lawn	(Hickman)
* Canada Warbler	" 12(F)	1	" "	("; Mansfield, Wright)
* Redstart	" 2 (F)		Horseshoe Lake	(Pixley)
Rusty Blackbird	" 14	40	near Rochester	(G.O.S. census)
* Scarlet Tanager	" 3 (F)	7	Fredonia, N.Y.	(Meroneys)
* Rose-br. Grosbeak	" 3 (F)		Batavia, (Pixley) Forest Lawn	(Somerside, Kratzers)
* Indigo Bunting	" 14(F)		Gowanda (Wright) Barcelona	(Thorpe et al)
Evening Grosbeak	" 4,7	1	Dunkirk, N y.	(Stanley, Schober)
	"9,11	2,6	Lyndonville, N.Y.	(W.A.Smith)
	" 12 (L)	6	Orchard Park, N.Y.	(Winship)
C. Redpoll	" 1,2(L)	1	Forest Lawn	(Elberg, Mitchell)
Pine Siskin	" 3		Hamburg, N.Y.	(Creightons)
	" 20	6	Forest Lawn	(Somerside, Kratzers)
* Lincoln Sparrow	" 10(F)	2	Wanakah (Wright) Lincoln Pk.	(Somerside)
	" 11	1	Delaware Park	(Mansfield, Hickman, Eames
	" 11	1	Forest Lawn	(Mitchell)

No Species Apr.30 - 165 + 6 new for May = 23 total for 1944

SPRING CENSUS

The Annual Spring Census, led by the president in accordance with past custom, was held on Sunday, May 21. The day was warm and sunny. The advanced season was evidenced by the heavy foliage and, in the swamps and deep woods by swarms of mosquitoes.

Territories and observers:

A	Canadian Shore to Sherkston	-Andrle, Pause, Filor
B	Grand Island, North of Whitehaven rd.	-Somersides, Kratzers.
C	Orchard Park and vicinity	-Winships
D	Oak Orchard Swamp	- Verrill, Beardslee
E	Bond Lake, Wilson, etc.	-Thorpe, S.Brockner, Wolfling, Hedley)
F	Delaware Park	-Eames
G	Grand Island, east side	-Seebers, Webster
H	Harbor, Tifft St., Ft.Erie to Chippawa	-Savage
J	Canadian Shore, Pt. Colborne to Roch House Pt.	-Mitchell, Hickman, Schwenger, Moore
K	Grand Island, S.W. section	-Tilley, King
L	Hamburg and vicinity	-Creightons
M	Lincoln Pk, Snyder	-Wendling, Rosa, Madison, Lamy, Knight
N	Lincoln Pk	-E. Ulrich
P	Jamestown to Cheney's Pt.	-Beals, Rappoles
Q	Lyndomville	-Smith, Pratt
R	Irving, Gowanda, Versailles	-Wrights
S	Leroy	-Hazelton
T	Zoar Valley	-Brettles
U	Castile	-Mrs. Thompson
V	Batavia, Leroy	-Pixley
W	Goat Island, Hyde Park	-Orcutt
X	Gainesville and vicinity	-E.V. Smiths
Z	Niagara Falls, vicinity of home	-Rogerson
Y	Fredonia, Dunkirk, Cassadaga, W. Mud Lake	-Stanleys, Schober, Meroneys, Ames

Com. Loon	5	-A,W	Mallard	28	
Horned Grebe	5	-P,W	Black Duck	50	
Pied-billed Grebe	7		Baldpate	13	
Gr. Blue Heron	134		Blue-wng Teal	21	
Green Heron	39		Wood Duck	9	
Night Heron	50		Rng-necked Duck	2	D
Amer. Bittern	38		Gr. and Lsr. Scaup	105	
Least Bittern	1	Y.	Amer. Golden-eye	2	D
*Mute Swan	1	Y.	Old Squaw	9	J
Canada Goose	1	Q	Amer. Merganser	3	

Red-br-Merganser	35	
Turkey Vulture	3	
Sharp-shn. Hawk	6	
Cooper's Hawk	4	
Red-tailed Hawk	26	
Red-shld. Hawk	16	
Marsh Hawk	23	
Pigeon Hawk	1	A
Sparrow Hawk	22	
Ruffed Grouse	2	R,X
Pheasant	106	
Virginia Rail	4	
Sora	3	D,X
Gallinule	17	
Coot	3	G,J,Y
Semipalmated Plover	3	D,J
Killdeer	200	
Black-bellied Plover	10	
Ruddy Turnstone	29	J
Woodcock	3	
Wilson's Snipe	4	X
Hudsonian Curlew	30	
Upland Plover	11	
Spotted Sandpiper	142	
Solitary Sandpiper	10	
Lesser Yellowlegs	3	D,Y
Pectoral Sandpiper	4	D
Least "	8	D
Red-backed "	6	A,J
*Dowitcher	1	A
Sanderling	1	A
Herring Gull	203	
Ring-bld."	391	
Bonaparte's Gull	81	
Common Tern	473	
Caspian "	1	J
Black Tern	4	D,J,L
Mourning Dove	269	
Yellow-bld Cuckoo	6	
Black -bld "	30	
Screech Owl	9	
Grt. Horned Owl	4	
Barred Owl	4	
Long-eared "	1	E
Short- " "	1	G
Whip-poor-will	3	
Nighthawk	32	
Chimney Swift	272	
Humming Bird	29	
Kingfisher	43	
Flicker	120	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	P
Red-bellied "	1	S
Red-headed "	33	
Hairy "	10	
Downy "	47	
Kingbird	278	

Crester Flycatcher	124	
Phoebe	65	
Yellow-bld. "	4	
*Acadian "	2	W
*Alder "	35	
Least "	107	
Wood Pewee	125	
Olive-sd. Flycatcher	2	N,P
Prairie Horned Lark	29	
Tree Swallow	135	
Bank "	358	
Rough-Wng. Swallow	384	
Cliff "	431 89	R,X,Y
Purple Martin	304	
Blue Jay	78	
Crow	468	
Chickadee	38	
White-br. Nuthatch	17	
Red -br "	15	
House Wren	172	
Prairie Marsh Wren	27	
Short-bld." "	7	D,X,Y
Catbird	382	
Brown Thrasher	12	
Robin	1043	
Wood Thrush	91	
Hermit "	6	
Olive-bkd. Thrush	126	
Gray-ckd. "	5	
Veery	111	
Bluebird	62	
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	12	
Golcen-cr. Kinglet	1	J
Ruby -cr "	2	E,G
Cedar Waxwing	30	
Migrant Shrike	1	Y
Starling	1106	
Yellow-thr. Vireo	21	
Blue-headed "	3	E,M,X
Red-eyed "	286	
Philadelphia "	19	
Warbling "	48	
Black&White Warbler	7	
*Prothonotary Warbler	5	D
*Golden-winged "	14	
Blue - " "	8	G,R
*Brewster's "	2	R
Tennessee "	15	
Nashville "	17	
Parula "	18	
Yellow "	877	
Magnolia "	138	
Cape May "	15	
Blk-thr. Blue "	54	
Myrtle "	33	
Blk-thr. Green "	73	
Cerulean "	10	
Blackburnian "	80	

Chestnut-sided Warbler	159	
Bay-breasted "	54	
Blackpoll "	61	
W. Palm "	1	Y
Ovenbird	99	
N. Water Thrush	34	
La. " "	4	R,X
*Kentucky Warbler	2	Y
*Connecticut "	2	E,Z
Mourning "	16	
N. Yellowthroat	182	
Hooded Warbler	14	
Wilson's "	38	
Canada "	127	
Redstart	411	
English Sparrow	541	
Bobolink	399	
Meadowlark	255	
Red-wing	1131	
*Orchard Oriole	4	J
Baltimore Oriole	323	
Rusty Blackbird	1	Y
Bronzed Grackle	416	
Cowbird	414	
Scarlet Tanager	97	
Cardinal	23	
Rose-br. Grosbeak	71	
Indigo Bunting	61	
Purple Finch	9	
Pine Siskin	23	
Goldfinch	711	
Towhee	41	
Savanna Sparrow	104	
Grasshopper "	54	
Henslow's "	31	
Vesper "	104	
Junco	3	G,T
Chipping "	198	
Field "	148	
White-crd. "	27	
White-thr. "	86	
Lincoln's "	5	
Swamp "	46	
Song "	776	

Total: 180 species, 18,760 individuals

Impressions left by the census: Scarcity of shore birds; number of nighthawks reported;scarcity of Prairie Horned Larks;encouraging records of Cliff Swallows; Blue Jays migrating in flocks of 10,14, 17 (Stanley et al); Gnatcatcher records; the laggard Golden-cr. Kinglet; scarcity of Shrikes;the good number of Golden-wng., Blue-wng.,Brewster's Warbler group;warblers in general below par but Kentucky Warblers seen at Pt. Gratiot and Bear Lake were outstanding find;the late Rusty;the pair of Ring-nkd Ducks and a pair of Golden -eye at Oak Orchard;only three Vultures recorded;and poor showing of the rails. There were several groups which had large lists for the day,but all of us must doff our hats to Fred Hazelton, who ,though he has lost his sight, participated in the census and sent in a list of 45 species heard on his own farm!

C.S.B.

Future trips.

Sunday July 30. Hiking trip up Canadian shore. Meet at American side ferry at 7:30 A.M. Robert Andrle ,leader.

It would help get the Prothonotary out on time if observers would get their records to the statisticans on the first or second of the month.

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The Month

Responsive to the exceptionally warm weather in May,nesting activity was well advanced when June started. Above normal temperatures continued to prevail throughout June (two degrees over average),and this, together with a complete absence of high winds,resulted in optimum nesting conditions. Relatively high water levels in swamps and marshes was maintained thorugh the month by the total of 3.95 inches of rain, which compares with normal of 2.82 inches. It seems probable that the ratio of successful to unsuccessful broods was high this year in the case of most species. Outstanding for the month was the discovery of a Brewster's Warbler-Golden-winged Warbler nest, the first such record for our territory.

Noteworthy Records

Lsr. Scaup Duck	June 4 (L)	3 Buffalo Harbor	(Savage,Mitchell)
Bald Eagle	" 4,18	1 imm. Versaille	(" , " ,et al)
			(Thorpe et al)
Wilson's Snipe	" 9-30	2 Kenmore& Starin Aves.	(Andrle)
Mourning Dove	" 25	50 part young-Ashford	(Somerside)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	" 25	1 Ashford	(")
		1 Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Black&White Warbler	" 4	1 Versailles	(Savage, Mitchell et al)
Prothonotary "	" 11	5 O.O.	(Wright et al)
Golden-wgn "	" 4	8 Versailles	(Savage, Mitchel, et al)
	" 18	5 "	(Thorpe et al)
Blue-wng "	" 4	4 "	(Savage, Mitchell,et al)
	" 11	3 Gowanda	(Filor,Hedley)
	" 18	3 Versailles	(Thorpe et al)
Cerulean Warbler	" 12	1 Goat Island	(Orcutt)
Canada "	" 18	2 Versailles	(Thorpe et al)

Nesting Records

Pied-billed Grebe — May 3 — Burnt Ship Creek — (Beardslee)
Very early . Bird seen on nest May 3,5, 24,and June 2. On June 8th adult was brooding eight young about 2 days old.

Green Heron	May 21	N5E	Lyndonville	(Smith)
	June 18	N Y	"	"
Wood Duck	May 21	3N	"	"
	June 11	14 YO nesting Box -Lyndonville		(Smith)

Red-shouldered Hawk	June 4	Yn	Gowanda	(Savage,Mitchell,et al)
Sparrow Hawk	May 14	N	Buckhorn Is.(	Mitchell)
Ruffed Grouse	June 18	Yo	Springville	(Wild)
Piping Plover	May 28,30	2N4E	Sherkston,Ont	(Andrle et al)
Kildeer	Apr. 29	N4E	Ellicott Crk. Pk.	(Verrill)
	May 27	2Yo	Sherkston,Ont	(Andrle , Hedley)
Wilson's Snipe	June 10	2Yo	Gainesville	(E.V.Smiths)
Spotted Sandpiper	May 12	N3E	Lyndonville	(W. A. Smith)
Spotted Sandpiper.	May 27	N4E	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Andrle, Hedley)
Mourning Dove	" 14	N	Clarence Center Rd.	(Wendling)
Black-billed Cuckoo	June 25	1Yo	Ashford	(Somerside)
Screech Owl	May 21	N6Y	Lyndonville	(W. A. Smith)
	June 18	nesting in box built for Wood Duck		(")
Kingbird	" 11	2N	O.O.	(Wright et al)
	" 18	N4E	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Phoebe	May 27	N	South of Hamburg	(Dr. Mols)
	" 28	N5E	Eden	(Mitchell,et al)
	June 25	N	Ashford	(Somerside)
Alder Flycatcher	" 18	N3E	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	" 25	N5E,1 cowbird's egg.	Dick Rd	(Filor, Keim)
Tree Swallow	" 18	N3E	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
	" 18	N4Y	"	(" ")
Barn Swallow	May 17	N1E	Eden	(Dr. Mols)
	June 18	N3E	E.Concord	(Thorpe et al)
Cliff Swallow	May 21	29N	Fredonia region	(Stanley et al)
	" 27	22N	Cassadaga,West Mud Lake	(" " ")
	June 18	19N	E. Concord	(Thorpe et al)
	" 25	Nests	Ashford	(Somerside)
Purple Martin	" 18	Yn	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Catbird	May 21	N4E	Pt. Abino ,Ont.	(Andrle et al)
	June 18	Yo	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Wood Thrush	May 28	N4E &1 cobird egg.	Eden	(Mitchell et al)
	June 18	N4Y	E. Aurora	(Wild)
Veery	" 25	1Yo	Ashford	(Somerside)
Bluebird	May 21	N	Castile	(Thompson)
	" 30	N3E	Sherkston,Ont	(Andrle et al)
Gnatcatcher	" 14	N	N. Irving	(Thorpe et al)
	" 21	2N	Pt. Abino,Ont	(Andrle et al)
	" 27	N	" " "	(" " ")
	June 4	N	Irving	(Wright)
Red-eyed Vireo	" 11	N5E,1 cowbird's egg.	Gowanda	(Filor,Hedley)
	" 18	N3E	"	(Thorpe et al)
Brewster's Warbler	" 4	N5E	Versailles	(Mitchell et al)
Yellow Warbler	May 14	N	Jamestown	(Beal)
	" 21	N2E & cowbird's egg.	Fredonia	(Stanley et al)
	June 18	N3Y	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Louisiana Water-thrush	May 21	N5E	Holland	(James)
Canada Warbler	June 25	Yn	Ashford	(Somerside)
Redstart	" 4	N	Gowanda	(Pause, Filor)
Baltimore Oriole	" 18	Yn	Lyndonville	(W.A.Smith)
Chipping Sparrow	" 18	N3E	"	(" ")
Field Sparrow	May 21	N4E	Castile	(Thompson)
	" 25	N4E	Harris Hill	(Wendling)
	June 3	N3Y	" "	(")
Song Sparrow	May 14	N5E	Jamestown	(Beal)

Too numerous to list: Pheasant, Phoebe, Robin, Mourning Dove, Barn Swallow, House Wren, Purple Martin, Chipping Sparrow.

Code: N-nest , E-eggs , Yn-young in nest , Yo-young out of nest

NOTES

Notes from Rochester and vicinity for May and June, as reported by Mr. W.L.G.Edson include many interesting records. The recording of Red-throated Loon in the first, second and fourth weeks of May again attests to the more frequent occurance of this species on Lake Onatario than on Lake Erie during migration. A Western Grebe in early May is particularly noteworthy. Twelve species of warblers were seen up to May 5, as well as Caspian Tern, Whip-poor-will and Baltimore Oriole. Solitary Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper and Sanderling were observed the week ending May 12, During that same period 23 species of warbler were noted. The following week's records included Barn Owl, Short-billed Marsh Wren, and a late record of Evening Grosbeak. During the week ending May 26 ,a pair of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were found along Ballantyne Rd. and appeared to be building a nest. The following week Red-bellied Woodpecker and Acadian Flycatcher were recorded. A late Tennessee Warbler was reported the week ending June 9,and a late Common Loon the succeeding week. The recording of a Barn Owl throughout June indicates the probable nesting of that species.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life reports a rather late April migration, but a warm wave on the 29th and 30th brought a mass of migrants,including an extraordinary flight of Pigeon Hawks at Plum Island on the 30th. A Yellow-billed Tropic Bird was picked up alive at Harwichport Apr. 25. Other interesting records for Apr. include Little Blue Heron at New Canaan, Conn.on the 26th, a huge flight of Canada Geese up Conn. valley on the 10th,whereas the number in Merrymeeting Bay was much less than normal. A good spring flight of Brant and quite a few Snow Geese, with a few Blue Geese were reported. A European Widgeon on the outer cape and a European Teal at Wayland were seen on the 16th. The migration on the 30th brought a Turkey Vulture to Brookline,while on the 28th a Golden Eagle was noted at Mt. Tom. Unusual were records of Yellow Rail at Wenham and Hudsonian Curlew at Newburyport on the 30th. On March 26th and later a Little Gull was seen at Newburyport, the "fancy gull"locality. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were uncommon, compared to the rather large numbers recorded in Western New York this spring. A Carolina Wren at Cambridge, Yellow-breasted Chat at Lynn (Apr. 28-early) and a Dickcissel at E. Jaffrey,N.H. are noteworthy. Redpolls began to thin out after the 9th and 10th,while some Evening Grosbeaks still remained at the end of the month.

H.D.M.

August Trips

Sunday - August 20. Hiking trip up Canadian Shore. Meet at American side of ferry at 7:30 A.M. Ed. Seeber-- leader. Tel.-Ri. 8739

A prompt return of all records to the statisticians will help in the endeavor to print the paper in the current month. Please cooperate. Editor.

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July was a hot,dry month. Temperature averaged 72.4 degrees, compared with normal of 70.0. Precipitation,confined entirely to the latter half of the month, totaled only 1,04 inches,one-third of normal. For the benefit of future students of the effect of weather upon birds,it may be well to state that since July 1, 1943 all readings have been made at the Buffalo airport,and not ,as theretofore, on the roof of the N.Y.Telephone building in downtown Buffalo. For the first time, therefore,we have two year records to compare with past experience. The result is embarassing to Buffalo's previous claim of "vacation-land",for both in July 1943 and July 1944,very much higher temperatures were recorded than in previous years. For example, in July 1942 only three days showed readings of 80 degrees,and 83 was high for the month. In July 1943 temperatures of 80 or higher were recorded on twenty-five days,with high of 89,while July 1944 the eighty mark was reached again on twenty-five days,with of 94. On the other hand,the daily lows are slightly (1.5 degrees) lower than the former normal. It is probable that experience in the future will indicate higher summer and lower winter temperatures than former means,but it will be difficult to make valid comparisons during the next few years, insofar as temperatures are concerned. During this July observers reported a normal shore bird migration on the Canadian shore. Great Black-backed Gulls were observed,-- always a rarity in July, though not without precedent. The absence of Egret records contrasting strongly with some other recent years,may possibly be explained by the torrential rains which have visited Florida throughout the early summer.

Noteworthy Records

Pied-bld Grebe	July 20	1 imm.	Forest Lawn	(Filor)
Least Bittern	" 4	2	Silver Springs,N.Y.	(Pause et al)
	" 8,21	3	Shirkston, Ont.	(Andrle,Filor)
	" 9	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	(Filor,Keim)
Am. Merganser	" 17	2	Erie Beach,Ont.	(Andrle, Filor)
Red-brsted Merganser	" 8	2	" " "	(")
	" 25	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Mitchell et al)
Sharp-shn. Hawk	" 9	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	(Filor,Keim)
Cooper's Hawk	" 28	2	O.O.&Reed Rd. Swamp	(Mitchellet al)
Piping Plover	" 8	3	Shirkston,Ont.	(Andrle)
	" 10 (L)	1	" "	(Filor)
Semipalmated Plover	" 13	1	Rose's Pt.,Ont.	(Andrle)
Ruddy Turnstone	" 23	3	" " "	(Mitchell et al)
Wilson's Snipe	" 9	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	(Filor,Keim)
	" 28	1	O.O.	(Mitchell et al)
Hudsonian Curlew	" 9	1	Niagara Falls,N.Y.	(Filor,Keim)

Solitary Sandpiper	July	13	1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	(Andrle)
Gtr. Yellow-legs	"	13	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	(")
Lsr. Yellow-legs	"	8	5	Canadian Shore	(")
	"	17	65	" "	(" ,Filor)
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	17	6	" "	(" ")
	"	30	16	" "	(Andrle,et al)
Least Sandpiper	"	8	5	" "	(")
Eastern Dowitcher	"	17	2	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(" ,Filor)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	8	1	Rose Hill,Ont.	(")
Sanderling	"	21	20	Canadian Shore	(" , ")
Great Black-backed Gull	"	8,17	1	adt.,1 imm. Canadian Shore	(Andrle,Filor)
Black Tern	"	17	8	Canadian Shore	(Andrle, Filor)
Red Br-Nuthatch	"	29,30,31.	1	Niagara Falls	(Rogerson)
Winter Wren	"	3	5	Castile,N.Y.	(Pause et al)
Short-bld. Marsh Wren	"	21	1	Ridgeway,Ont.	(Andrle, Filor)
Blackburnian Warbler	"	2	3	Letchworth Pk.	(Puase et al)
N. Water Thrush	"	2		Hermitage,N.Y.	(Pause et al)
Orchard Oriole	"	13	1	Rose's Point,Ont.	(Andrle)

No. of speceies to June 30	- 230
New for July	- 0
Total for 1944	- 230

Additional Nesting Records

Pied-bld Grebe	July	8	6 YO	Sherkston,Ont.	(Andrle)
Least Bittern	"	21	2 YO	" "	(" ,Filor)
Black Duck	"	8	5 YO	" "	(")
Cooper's Hawk	"	5	N	empty,but bords attacked observer	(Andrle)
Sparrow Hawk	"	28	N	Reed Rd. Swamp	(Andrle,Filor)
Mourning Dove	Apr.	24	N2E	Nia. Falls	(Rogerson)
	May	24	1Y from 1st brood & 2 fresh eggs		
	June	5	2 nd brood hatched		
	July	5,6	3 rd brood,1E hatched		
Black-bld. Cuckoo	June	11	N3Y	Eden	(Mols, Mitchell et al)
	July	21	1YO	Shirkston,Ont.	(Andrle)
Nighthawk	June	16	2YN	Delaware Av.,Bflo,N.Y.	(Wendling)
Crested Flycatcher	"	10	YN	Williamsville,N.Y.	(")
	July	8	N5Y	In end of pipe about 10 ft.high Sherkston,Ont.	(Andrle,Filor)
Phoebe	"	5	2N side by side,1 held 4 dead Y,other held 4 live Y.	Bliss,N.Y.	(Andrle)
Cedar Waxwing	"	25	NY	Pt. Abino,Ont.	(Mitchell et al)
Migrant Shrike	"	5	1YO	Chafee,N.Y.	(Andrle)
Warbling Vireo	"	17	3YO	Rose's Pt.,Ont.	(" ,Filor)
Mourning Warbler	"	28	1YO	Reed Rd. Swamp	(" ")
Red Wing	"	8	N4Y	Sherkston, Ont.	(")
Orchard Oriole	"	13	2YO	Rose's Pt.,Ont	(")
Slate-col. Junco	"	4	N4E	Eden	(Mitchell)
Chipping Sparrow	"	3	N3E	Castile,N.Y.	(Thompson)
	"	31	N3Y	Buffalo	(Andrle)
Song Sparrow	June	11	N5E	Eden	(Mols)

Code N-nest E-eggs YN-young in nest YO-young out of nest

The statisticians and staff thank those who sent their records promptly at the first of the month. Such prompt receipt of records from all observers make it possible to publish the Prothonotary at a regular time.

Editor.

Interesting Notes of Other Communities

Observations in Rochester and vacinity,reported by W.L.G.Edson include report of Cliff Swallows nesting at Honeoye Lake on July 8th. During July Barn Owl continues to be reported,and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Winter Wren were observed, the latter at Reed Rd. Swamp. During the last two weeks of July ,Semi-palmated Plover and Greater Yellowlegs were the first fall shore-bird migrants reported.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life notes that May was the hottest month, (180 degrees in excess of normal);May 31 the hottest day (96 degrees) in Massachusetts history; and that May was the driest month in 118 years. However there was a frost on the 20th. A big wave of migrants on May 4th brought all the missing April birds, the early May group and others expected later such as Tanager,Bobolink and Hummingbirds. There were no waves thereafter until the 22nd, when, following the short cold spell, there was a marked wave of migrants. A final great wave ,on the coast only on the 27th. and 28th. brought record high counts of late May migrants. We regret to learn that Monomoy has been taken over by the army for bombing practice. Unusual records include White Pelican,two of which were seen May 27 at junction ofFarmington an Connecticut rivers at S. Winsor,the second record for Conn.Yellow-crnd. Night Heron May 20 at Windsor Ct. and Marshfield Hills, Mass. A Little Blue Heron May 14 at Lanesboro,Mass. Western Willet May 30 at Monomoy. Curlew Sadnpiper May 12 at Plum Is. 4 Western Sandpipers May 30 at Nahaut, 1 Marbeled Godwit May 16 & 17 at Revere (first spring record in a century) Little Gull all month at Newburyport andSabine's Gull May 20 at Momomoy are especially noteworthy. Few Great Blue Herons and Tree Swallows were noted, 3 Gnatcatchers were seen near Boston in early May. There was an extraordinary number of Orchard Orioles, at least 9, reported in eastern Mass.,some nesting. There were also 3 Summer Tanager records for Mass. Evening Grosbeaks were reported from many localities in May,the latest May 24 at Athol.

" On The Fly"

Have you ever birded "on the fly?" Well, that is the way a G.I. ornithologist observes. You have little or no time for serious field work,hence,wherever you are or whatever you are doing, if a bird goes by you note it mentally and tend to your knitting. It was that was in the States and is more so here in North Africa.

When we left the States the last bird I saw was the gannet. I had only seen one before,(with Mr. Mitchell identifying it) but I had no great trouble with the adults in great numbers. I was especially interested in seeing them fishing and spent hours watching them.

One day out on the ocean,I saw a petrel, of what species I do not know. It just happened to fly by and then was gone.

I might interject here, that I'm sure Mrs. Brockner is going to be well on the way of becoming a first class research ornithologist. I am entirely dependent upon her aid in identifying African birds, as I have no way of obtaining any works on North African ornithology.

One day,as we approached land I was amazed to see a dove land amidship. It reminded me very much of our mourning dove in color,size,markings,etc. but it couldn't possibly have been one off the coast of Africa.

We were welcomed into the harbor by an adva nce escort of little gulls. There were hundreds of them and they came within close range of the ship.

One bird I had no trouble identifying in Casablanca, was the house sparrow. It was quite abundant and much cleaner than in the States.

Overhead there were many swallows, not at all unlike our barn swallow. They even had the long forked tail.

I could write at lenght of the various unidentified species I have seen. Swifts, similar to the chimney swift;white herons resembling egrets;black and white buntings not unlike our snow buntings; a migration of hawks that were dead ringers for our sparrow hawk and others.

I was surprised at the abundance of storkes. It was not uncommon to see a couple in a field being plowed. I saw them nesting on low native huts in the valleys of the Atlas Mountains and also on t he tops of t he highest minarets in towns like Tlemcen, French Morroco.

It was at Tlemcen,that I was surprised to see my first European goldfinch. I had seen them in bird shows and so had no trouble in identifying them. They are,I'm sorry to admit ,more beautiful than the eastern goldfinch.

While out on a hike one day, I was startled to hear the call"cuckoo,cuckoo." Not a glimpse of the bird did I get,mainly becuse I was birding on the fly, G.I. style. However, this might have been the European cuckoo, who like cowbird is so lazy that they don't build a nest but lays its eggs in other birds nests.

You sure see some odd birds. Recently,I saw a bird that looked like one of our shrikes,in build,action and bill. The resemblance,stops there,however. The bird was all goldfinch yellow with solid black wings and a black mask!

The season is very well advanced here(April) and I can't determine ,unfortunately ,whether the migration on,or past. Many European birds winter in Africa and there must at some time be a big migration.

Camparisons between N. American and Afro-European birds are noticable. Fairly, I have seen to few birds to make a comprehensive analysis. However,some differences stand out. So far the plumage is in the main, more subdued and I have yet to hear anything that can compare with some of our poorest songsters.

In conclusion ,I look forward to future finds on the fly. At times it is difficult to keep ones mind on the work at hand,when you see a bird entirely new to you flitting in a nearby bush. It was d ifferent in the States when you could satisfy your ornithological curiosity by the song of the bird. However,such is birding "on the fly."

Pvt. Winston W. Brockner

We are pleased to print experiences of our member Winston Brockner who is now with the armed forces in the Mediteranian battle area.

Editor.

Future Events

Meeting-- Sept.13th-- 6 P.M. Lincoln Park.

Sept.27th-- 6 P.M. Delaware Park . Meeting at Rumsey Rd. & Winsor Av. Come early if you can to look for warblers at stone arch.

Walks Sat. morning walks begin Sept.2 at 7 A.M. and every Sat .in Sept. Meet at stone arch.

Trips Sept. 10th to Irving (mouth of Cattaragus Creek)
Bert Wright --- Leader
Take West Ridge Bus from Greyhound Terminal at 9 A.M. Leave bus at under pass of R.R. at edge of Irving.

Sept. 24th to Buckhorn Island Park. Take Niagara Falls bus that leaves the Greyhound Terminal at 7:50 A.M. --Leader -Ed. Seeber

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The Month

Based upon records of previous years, August of 1944 was a very warm month, averaging 3.4 degrees above normal. As explained in last month's comments, it may be misleading to make comparisons with other years since removal of the Weather Bureau to the airport. There will be no debate this year, however, for the first sixteen days were extremely warm, with temperatures of ninty or more on no less than nine days, and the 2nd. was the hottest August day in record, with high of 96 degrees. Rainfall was excessive, totaling 6.17 inches, as against average of 3.08.

The warbler migration was most interesting, and provokes comparison with 1942. In both years warblers were already in evidence in city parks by the earliest days of the month, much earlier than usual. But the reasons were quite different. In 1942, the latter half of April was unprecedentedly warm, and the warbler migration was far ahead of schedule, resulting in early nesting and early fall records. This year late April was cool, but May was very warm, the last eleven days reminding one of midsummer, with the result that nesting was again accelerated. We therfore find again a very early fall migration of warblers, as reported below. Bird students should find August 1942 and 1944 of great interest when compared with 1943, when no warblers were reported until the fifteenth of the month.

Noteworthy Records of August 1944

Am. Egret	Ju.& Aug.	3	O.O.	(Madison, rep. Wright)
Bl-wing Teal	Aug. 6	2	Rose Hill, Ont.	(Thorpe et al)
Am. Golden-eye	" 6	1	Pt. Colborne, Ont	(" " ")
" " "	" 26	1	" " "	(Mitchell)
Turkey Vulture	" 25	2	Smith's Mills, N.Y.	(Wright)
King Rail	" 27(F)	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	(Filor et al)
Virginia Rail	" 1	1	Wilson, N.Y.	(Andrle)
" "	" 27	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	(Filor et al)
Sora Rail	" 27	5	" " "	(" " ")
Black-b. Plover	" 2	2	Rock House Pt., Ont.	(Wright)
Hudsonian Curlew	" 2	6	" " " "	(")
	" 30	1	" " " "	(")
Knot	" 14	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	(")
	" 30	3	Canadian Shore, Ont.	(")
Baird's Sandpiper	" 12(F)	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	(Savage)
	" 16	1	Goat Island	(Mitchell)
	" 18	1	" "	(Filor)
	" 25	1	Smith's Mills, N.Y.	(Wright)

E. Dowitcher	Aug 20	1	Fort Erie,Ont	-Savage)
Stilt Sandpiper	" 6(F)	1	" " "	-Savage
Western Sandpiper	" 12(F)	1	Erie Beach,Ont.	- "
	" 14	2	" " "	- Wright
	" 30	2	Rock House Pt,Ont.	- "
Whip-poor-will	" 30	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Night Hawk	" 31	125	mig. over Bflo. 2 groups	- Eames
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	" 8	1	Delaware Park	- Andrle
Alder "	" 13		Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
	" 15		Harris Hill	- Wendlings
Olive-s. "	" 21	2	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell
Cliff Swallow	" 10	10	Allegheny St. Pk.	-- Beardslee
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 1	1	Niagara Falls	-Rogerson
Brown Creeper	" 6	1	" "	- "
Short-b. Marsh Wren	" 10	4	3 places between Dayton & Cattaraugus,N.Y.	-Beardl
Olive-b. Thrush	" 17	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor,Schaffner
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	" 6	3	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
	" 11	1	Delaware Pk.	- Filor
Yellow-th. Vireo	" 30		Forest Lawn	- "
Black-white Warbler	" 8	1	Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
Golden-wg. Warbler	" 24	1	" "	- "
	" 30	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell
Tennessee "	" 6	1	Morgan's Pt,Ont.	- Andrle
	" 24	1	Niagara Falls	- Beardslee
Nashville "	" 6	2	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
Parula "	" 9	1	Delaware Park	- Filor
Magnolia "	" 1	1	Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
	" 7	1	Delaware Park	- Filor
Cape May "	" 6	4	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
Bl.-thr. Blue "	" 6	1	" " "	- " " "
	" 18	1	Grand Island	- Filor
Myrtle "	" 21	5	Forest Lawn	- "
	" 24	2	Niagara Falls	- Beardslee
Bl.-thr. Green "	" 6	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	-Thorpe et al
	" 8	1	Delaware Park	- Andrle
Cerulean "	" 6	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
	" 9	1	Grand Island	- Andrle
	" 11,13	2	Delaware Park	- " " "
Blackburnian "	" 6	5	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
Chestnut-sided "	" 5		Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
Bay-br. "	" 11	2	Delaware Park	- Filor
	" 24	4	Niagara Falls	- Beadslee
Blackpoll "	" 6	11	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al(extremely early
	" 13	5	Delaware Park	- Andrle,Filor
Ovenbird	" 15	1	Lincoln Park	- "
Noth. Water Thrush	" 3	1	Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
	" 6	1	Rose'sPt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
Conn. Warbler	" 30	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell
Mourning "	" 24	1	Niagara Falls	- Beardslee
	" 26	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell
Wilson's "	" 26	1	" "	- "
Canada "	" 6	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	- Thorpe et al
Redstart	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
Bobolink	" 18	25-50	Ashford,N.Y.	- Somerside
Purple Finch	" 30	1	Delaware Park	- Filor

No. species to July 31 - 230
New for Aug. - 4-- King Rail,Baird's Sandp.,Stilt Sand.&West Sandp.

Total to Aug.31 234

Notes

Birds observed in Rochester and vicinity as reported by Mr. W.L.G.Edson
For week ending Aug.11---Golden-eye Duck and Sanderling
During the following week ---Dowitcher and Caspian Tern were among the species reported
For the week ending Aug.25, records included Least Bittern,Ruddy Turnstone, and Northern Water Thrush.
During the last week of t hemonth Black-bellied Plover,an unusually early Gray-cheeked Thrush,and a number of warblers including Magnolia,Blackburnian and Pine Warblers were recorded. The Barn Owl was reported through the month.

During the last week in August Bert Wright spent a few days in Hamilton and while there met George North and with him visited Dundas Marsh where many shorebirds were seen,including Northern Phalarope and Dowitcher. At Burlington Beach he saw a Holboell's Grebe incubating eggs in a nest built on a floating box, which had been anchored about 20 feet off shore and inside the breakwall.The grebe had attempted to nest earlier in the season ,but high water had ruined the nest. A box was then anchored in the hope that the grebe might nest there, which, fortunately, it did. The check list gives no breeding range in Southern Ontario, and this nest is believed to be considerably south of any known nesting of this species in this longitude.

George North reported to Bert Wright that he had seen a few days previously a Little Gull, a Sabine's Gull,a Buff-breasted Sandpiper and a Wilson's Phalarope, all in the Hamilton area. On July 30 he had picked up a Tennessee Warbler which had probably been killed by a car. This is an unusually early date for the fall migration of this species.

H.D. Mitchell

Again we are glad to print a letter of another member in the armed forces This time the letter brings Larry Murphy's bird observations in England to H.D.M.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Both Johnny Doyle and I are in England. About a month ago, we met for the first time in over a year and a half, since we enlisted in the Air Corps. Because of "business" neither of us has very much time for birding,although for the first time my list is a little larger than his.

The hedge-rows which abound in this country offer a great deal of shelter and food to the smaller birds, but also renders the observer's job much more difficult. Many birds were singing at the end of January after what I have been told was an unusually mild winter. Hawks are very rare and I have seen only 8 Kestrels(probably re pititions of 2 or 3 individuals) and 1 Montague's Harrier (which Doyle and I saw together as we went to London). Military activity does not effect the birds in the least, except for deviation in flight when a low-flying plane approaches their path of flight.

The only shore-bird I have seen is the Lap-wing,because I have been unable to reach the beaches or any large flat mud-beds.

For your information,I will list all the birds that I have seen over here,followed by their American equivalents,where there are any, and their scientific terminology. The order is that used in "How to Know British Birds " by Norman H.Joy,M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,M.B.O.U.

Magpie	Magpie	Pica pica pica
Jackdaw		Coloeus monedula spermologus
Rook		Corvus frugilegus F.
Raven	Raven	" corax c.
Carrion Crow	Crow	" corone c.
Starling	Starling	Sturnus vulgaris v.
Mistle Thrush		Turdus viscivorus v.
Fieldfare		" pilaris
Redwing		" musicus m.
Song Thrush	Wood Thrush	" ericetorum e.
Blackbird		" meruls m.

Pied(Water)Wagtail		Motacilla alba yarrellii
Swallow	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica r.
House Martin	Cliff "	Delichon urbica u.
Sand "	Bank "	Riparia r.r.
Great Titmouse		Parus major newtoni
Blue "		" caeruleus obscurus
Coal "		" ater britannicus
Marsh "		" palustris dresseri
Wren	House Wren	Troglodytes t.t.
Tree Creeper	Brown Creeper	Certhia familiaris britannica
Nuthatch	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta europoea affinis
House Sparrow	English Sparrow	Passer domesticus d.
Tree Sparrow		Passer montanus m.
Chaffinch		Fringilla coelebs s.
Greenfinch		Chloris c.c.
Skylark		Alauda arvensis a.
Wood Lark		Lullula arborea a.
Wheatear		Oenanthe o.o.
Robin		Erithacus rubecula melophilus
Hedge Sparrow		Prunella modularis occidentalis
Willow "		Phylloscopus trochilus t.
Swift	Chimney Swift	Apus a.a.
Breen Woodpecker		Picus viridis virescens
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates minor comminutus
Cuckoo		Cuculus conorus c.
Nightjar	Whip-poor-will	Caprimulgus europoeus e.
Little Owl	Screech Owl	Athene noctua vidalii
Kestrel	Sparrow Hawk	Falco tinnunculus t.
Montagu's Harrier	Marsh Hawk	Circus pygargus
Wood Pigeon		Columba palumbus p.
Stock Dove		" oenas
Rock Dove	Rock Dove	" livia l.
Turtle Dove	Mourning Dove	Streptopelia turtur t.
Pheasant	Ring-necked Pheasnat	Phasianus colchicus
Common Partridge	Hungarian Partridge?	Perdix p.p.
Moorhen	Florida Gallinule	Gallinule chloropus c.
Coot	Coot	Fulica atra atra
Lapwing		Vanellus v.
Leach's Petrel		Oceanodroma leucorrhoa l.
Common Tern		Sterna hirundo h.
Bl.-headed Gull	Bonaparte's Gull	Larus ridibundus r.
Gr. Bl.-backed Gull		" marinus
Lsr. " " "		" fuscus graellsii
Herring Gull		" argentatus a.
Mute Swan		Cygnus olor
Mallard		Anas platyrhyncha p.
Shoveler		Spatula clypeata
Tufted Duck		Nyroca fuligula
Little Grebe(Dabchick)	Pied-billed Grebe	Podiceps ruficollis r.

Give my regards to all the Buffalo ornithologists.

Respectfully,
Larry Murphy-32843792
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WHAT !! Don't forget the date. Monday Nov.13th.,1944. 15th. Anniversary Meeting. At Buffalo Museum of Science. More details later. Don't forget Mon. Nov.13th.

Sunday Lectures at Museum of Science
Sunday Oct. 15 - 3P.M. Haunts for the Hunted-- W.F. Kubichek
Sunday Oct. 29 - 3P.M. Wonders of the Southern Wilderness-Alexander Sprunt.

Future Events

Meetings

Sept. 27 -- 6 P.M. Delaware Park. Meet at Rumsey Rd. & Winsor Av. Come early if you can to look for warblers at stone arch.

Oct. 11 -- Wed. 8P.M.- Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science Annual meeting and plans for fall duck census.

Oct. 25 -- Wed. 8 P.M.- Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science Report of Duck Census- Main topic to be announced later.

About 20 persons of our membership are now in the armed service. These are the younger members who attend meetings most regularly. The nominating committee asked that as many of the older persons and those members at home come and give teir opinions by way of voice and vote at the annual meeting.

Ed.

Trips.

Sunday, Oct. 15. ----- Fall duck census - Territories to be announced at Oct. 11 meeting. Harold Mitchell ,leader.

There are still two more Sat. morning walks in Delaware Park. 7A.M. at Stone arch.

Following are the officers of the recently organized Junior Ornithological Society at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

President--Norman Keim
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Secretary --Ronald Schnorr
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The Museum requires an adult in attendance at each bi-monthly meeting of the Junior Society. As we are considered sponsers of this group our members are volunteering to be present at convenient meetings. Mr. Beardslee will be glad to assign an evening to any volunteering member.

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September weather showed little departure from normal. Mean temperature was two degrees higher than the average of the past, and precipitation was likewise above normal, but no storms of consequence occured, and the hurricane which lashed the Atlantic coast areas was not felt in western New York. No rarities have been reported as having been blown into our territory from the tropics at that time. The warbler migration was exceptionally heavy. Seldom in the past have these bords overflowed the residential areas as they did this year throughout the month. The shore bird migration was also very satisfactory, although the rarer species were poorly represented. At the month's end birding was still good, with many warblers still present.

C.S.B.

Noteworthy Records

Loon	Sept. 17	1	Niagara Falls	-Andrle
Dbl.-Cr. Cormorant	" 17-F-	2	" "	- "
Green Heron	" 21-L-		Canadian Shore	- " ,et al
Bl.cr. Night Heron	" 24	115	Wickwire Marsh	-Filor, Keim
Baldpate	" 5	4	Hyde Pk., N. Falls	-Mitchell
Pintail	" 15	3	Crystal Beach, Ont.	- Andrle, Filor
Les. Scaup Duck	" 26	9	Pt. Abino, Ont.	- " ,et al
Wood Duck	" 10	6Y	E. Pembroke	- Pause
Turkey Vulture	" 10	2	Forestville	- Wright et al
Sharp-shn. Hawk	" 15	185	Canadian Shore	- Andrle, Pause
Broad-wng. "	" 9	1	Forest Lawn	- " ,et al
Bald Eagle	" 6	1	" "	- Brown, Ulrich
Osprey	" 15	2	Canadian Shore	- Andrle, Filor
"	" 16	1	Cassadga Lake	- Straight, rep. Stanley
"	" 17	1	Goat Island	- Andrle
Pigeon Hawk	" 21	1	Shirkston, Ont.	- " ,et al
Virginia Rail	" 10,24,30	3	Burnt Ship Cr.	-Many members
Sora Rail	" 10,17,19	5	" " "	- " "
Golden Plover	" 15,26-F-	2,1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	- Andrle et al
	" 17	2	" " "	- Thorpe
Ruddy Turnstone	" 15-L-	1	Fort Erie	- Andrle, Filor
Upland Plover	Aug 31	1	Landcaster	- Webster
	Sept 1-L-		Several, N. Falls	- Orcutt
Knot	" 3	4	Ft. Erie	- Savage, Mitchell
	" 4	4	Crystal Beach	- " "
	" 5	1	Goat Island	- " "

Knot	Sept.	1, 21,26	3,2,2	Canadian Shore	-Andrle et al
Least Sandpiper	"	15-L-	3	" "	- ", Filor
Red-bkd. "	"	25	2	Ft. Erie ,Ont.	- Wright
	"	26	4	Crystal Beach ,Ont	- Andrle et al
White-rnped. Sandpiper		21,26-F-	1,1	Crystal Beach,Ont	" " "
Gr. Bl-b. Gull	"	15	1	Goat Island	- Mitchell
Little Gull	"	4-F-	1	Bird Island	- " ,Savage
	"	14	1	Peace Bridge	- Wright
	"	15	1	Bird Island	- Andrle,Filor
Caspian Tern	"	15	1	Goat "	- Mitchell
	"	17	1	" "	- Andrle
Black Tern	"	16	2	Bird "	- Mitchell
Black-b. Cuckoo	"	17	1	Alden	- Webster
Whip-poor-will	"	9-L-	1	Forest Lawn	-Andrle et al
Nighthawk	"	18-1-	2	N. Buffalo	- "
Chimney Swift	"	21-L-		Canadian Shore	- " " "
Humming bird	"	21-L-	2	Pt. Abino	- " " "
Yellow-bl. Sapsucker	"	10-F-	1	Fredonia	- Wright et al
Kingbird	"	21-L-	1	Sherkston,Ont	- Andrle " "
Crested Flycatcher	"	13-L-	1	Ashland Ave	- Facklam
Yellow-b. "	"	14-L-	1	Delaware Pk	- Filor,Keim
Alder "	"	1-L-	2	Grand Island	- Somerside
Least "	"	20-L-		Harris Hill	- Wendlings
Wood Pewee	"	26-L-	1	Rose Hill,Ont.	- Andrle et al
Olive-sided "	"	3,5	3	Del.Pk.,Forest Lawn	- Filor
Bank Swallow	"	19-L-	2	Burnt Ship Cr.	- "
Barn "	"	19	2	" " "	- "
Cliff Swallow	"	10,17,19	12, 3,7,	" " "	- Many members
	"	24-L-	1	" " "	- Seeber
Purple Martin	"	19-L-	5	N. Buffalo	- Andrle
Winter Wren	"	20	2	Forest Lawn	- "
Carolina Wren		Since late summer- still present.Brockport-Guelf			
Hermit Thrush	"	25	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Gray-ch. Thrush	"	3,5,6	5	" "	- Brown,Ulrich,Filor
	"	26	1	Rose Hill,Ont	- Andrle
	"	29	1	Buffalo	- Filor
	"	30	1	"	- Andrle
Veery	"	24-L-	1	N. Falls	- Filor,Keim
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	26	Sev.	flocks.Canadian Shore-Andrle et al	
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	16	1	Delaware Pk.	- Mitchell
Migrant Shrike	"	11	2	Alden	- Webster
Blue-hd.Vireo	"	3	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Red-eyed Vireo	"	22-L-		Sinking ponds	- Webster
Philadelphia Vireo	"	3	1	East Aurora	- Wild
	"	10	1	Grand Island	- Thorpe
	"	13	3	Forest Lawn	- Filor
	"	21	1	Delaware Pl.	- "
Bl. & Wh. Warbler	"	21	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	- Andrle et al
Orange-cr "	"	25	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Tennessee "	"	25-L-	2	N. Buffalo	- Andrle
Yellow "	"	3-L-	1	Delaware Pk	- Filor
Magnolia "	"	21-L-	3	Sherkston,Ont	- Andrle,et al
Blackburnian "	"	26-L-	1	Rose's Pt.,Ont	- " " "
Bay-br. "	"	16-L-	1	Delaware Pk	- Mitchell
W. Palm "	"	9	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle,Filor
Louisiana W. Thrush	"	3,7-L-	1,1	" "	- Filor, Brown Ulrich
Connecticut Warbler	"	6	1	" "	- " "
	"	7,9	1,2	Del. Pk.,For. Lawn	- " , Andrle
	"	24-L-	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
Wilson's "	"	22-L-	1	Alden	- Webster

Bobolink	Sept. 6-L-		Alden	- Webster
Rusty Blackbird	" 6	2	Forest Lawn	- Brown ,Ulrich
	" 21	1	Crystal Beach,Ont	- Andrle et al
Rose-br. Grosbeak	" 16-L-	1	Delaware Pk	- Mitchell
Indigo Bunting	" 20-L-	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
Evening Grosbeak	" 9	5	East Aurora, much earlier than any previous fall record	- Wild
Junco	" 3	1	Buffalo	- Filor
White-thr. Sparrow	" 3	1	Forest Lawn	- "

New Species for Sept. Golden Plover,White-rmp. Sandpiper,Little Gull, Carolina Wren, Double Crested Cormorant.

No. of Species to Aug. 31	- 234
New for Sept.	- 5
Total to Sept. 30	- 239

Fall Duck Census Oct.22 1944

Leader:- Harold D. Mitchell

Territories ans Observers :

A.	Buffalo Harbor & Tift St.,	Savage
B.	Bird Is.& Can. Shore Lake Erie	Mitchell, Hickman,Mansfield,Smith
C.	Can. Shore of Niagara River & Willoughby Marsh	-King,Andrle,Facklam
D.	American Shore " " to Goat Is.&N. Falls	-Beardslee,Rogerson
E.	North Section of Grand Island	-- Thorpe,Woelfling, Filor,Pause
F.	South Section of Grand Island	- Somerside ,Kratzers
G.	Del. Pk.,Forest Lawn, Lincoln Pk.	--Madison,Wendling,Rosa,Lamy,Knight
H.	Bond Lake to Wilson	- Seebers
J.	South Shore of Lake Erie Woodlawn to Irving	- Wrights
K.	Dunkirk,Fredonia,Cassadaga,Bear Lake & vicinity	- Stanleys,Meroneys, Schober
L.	Batavia vicinity to Lake Leroy	- Pixley
M.	Leroy	- Hazelton
N.	Brockport	- Guelf
O.	Jamestown & Lake Chautauqua	- Beal
P.	Orchard Pk.to E. Aurora,Chestnut &Emery Pk's	- Winships
Q.	Oak Orchard Swamp	- Neelon
R.	Collins & Versailles	-Tilleys,Hayes,Buvinger

In the following list letters refer to groups reporting records:

Loon	9	- Pheasant	77	- Brown Creeper	17		
Holboell's Grebe	3-C	- Virginia Rail	1-E	- Winter Wren	2-C,H		
Horned "	15	- Coot	302(225-Q)	- Carolina Wren	1-N		
Pied-bl. "	25	- Semi- Palm.Plover	1-B	- Catbird	2-F,K		
Gr. Bl. Heron	28	- Kildeer	189	- Robin	176		
B-Cr. Night Heron	7-E	- Black-bl. Plover	31-B,J,K	- Hermit Thrush	33		
Am. Bittern	2-E	- Woodcock	5-G,Q	- Bluebird	55		
Canada Goose	75-C,H,Q	- Wilson's Snipe	25	- Gold.-cr.Kinglet	291		
Mallard	142	- Spotted Sandpiper	1-J	- Ruby.- " "	15		
Com.&R-lg. Bl. Duck	1039	- Gr. Yellowlegs	29	- Pipit	59-B,E,H		
Gadwall	1-E	- Pectoral Sandpiper	2-B	- Starling	1335		
Baldpate	132	- Red-bkd. "	1-B	- Myrtle Warbler	34		
Pintail	15-D,H	- Sanderling	54	- Redstart	3 (Smith-B)		
Gr-wng- Teal	50-Q	-Herring Gull	1042	- Eng. Sparrow	678		
Bl-wng. "	2-E	- Ring-bld. Gull	1001	- Meadowlark	22		
Shoveller	1-D	- Bonaparte's Gull	250	- Redwing	791		
Wood Duck	16-E,H,K,O,Q	- Franklin's Gull	1-B	- Rusty Blbird	135-E,O,P		
Redhead	46-O,B	- Com. Tern	28	- Bronzed Grackle	5-F,H		

Ring.n.Duck	2-J	- Mourning Dove	-5-B,C,F,M	-Cowbird			240
Canvasback	4-L	- Bl.-bld. Cuckoo	2-K	- Cardinal			8
Gr.&L. Scaup Duck	2324	- Screech Owl	1-K	- Goldfinch			300
Buffle-head	30-K	- Belt. Kingfisher	4,C,E,J,R	-Red-eyed Towhee			15-B,G,J
Old-squaw	1-B	- Flicker	7	- Savan. Sparrow			1-E
Wh.-wng.Scoter	217-B,C,J,K	- Pileated Woodpkr.	1-R	- Vesper	"		11-C,E,K,R
Surf "	1-C	- Red-bld. "	1-M	- Sl.c. Junco			795
Amer. "	7-C,J	- Red-head. "	7-E	- Tree Sparrow			130
Ruddy Duck	7-L	- Hairy "	9	- Chipping Sparrow			3-F
Red-br.Merganser	17-B	- Downy "	23	- Field	"		2-J
Turkey Vulture	1-L	- N. Horned Lark	1-E	- Wh.,cr.	"		3-K
Cooper's Hawk	1-H	- Pr. " "	24	- Wh-thr.	"		97
Red-tld. "	5-C,F,J	- Rough-wng. Swallow	1-F	- Fox	"		7-B,C,E,L
Red-sh. "	1-R	- Blue Jay	47	- Swamp	"		8-E,H,K,O
Rough-lg. "	2-H	- Crow	404	- Song	"		152
Marsh "	18	- Chickadee	77				
Sparrow "	14	- Wh-br. Nuthatch	24				
Ruffed Grouse	3-C,K,F	- Red-br. "	1-H				

Total 107 Species -- 13,362 individuals

This compares with 96 Species and 20,793 individuals in last year's census taken Oct.17, 1943.

As far as the census of waterfowl was concerned, results were disappointing. No swans and few Canada Geese were observed and only the Scaups were present in anticipated numbers. In Buffalo Harbor Mr. Savage found no ducks whatever,nor were there any in Port Colborne or Dunkirk harbors. About 520 ducks were seen far offshore on Lake Erie and could not be identified. A Franklin's Gull at Ft. Erie,Ont.,and a Carolina Wren , which has been present since late summer in Mr.Güelf's yard in Brockport,were new birds for the census. Species ordinarily seen, but missed this year, were Cormorant,Am. Merganser,Sharp-shn. Hawk, L. Yellowlegs,Knot, Gt. Bl.-bk. Gull, Phoebe,Cedar Waxwing,Purple Finch,and Snow Bunting.

Lack of personnel and transportation prevented the full coverage of the territory, so that much of the Lake Ontario shore, Oak Orchard Swamp,and many lakes southeast of Buffalo were not visited. Many thanks are extended to all those who took part in this census,which allows us to make comparisons with results in former years. One thing is certain , the large number of waterfowl mentioned in reports from the western breeding grounds have not made their presence felt in the Niagara Frontier Region. Fewer Gulls then usual were noted and no very large flocks of blackbirds or Starlings were seen this year,therefor the total number of individuals was much lower than normal.

Harold D. Mitchell

Notes

Reports of birds observed in Rochester and vicinity as reported by Mr. W. L.G. Edson for the week ending Sept.8 include a rather early Whitethroated Sparrow, and 8 species of Warblers. In the following week -- Pintail, Bob-white,Coot, Caspian Tern, Winter Wren and Rusty Blackbird were among the birds noted. In the week ending Sept. 22--Baird's Sandpiper,Chimney Swift, Bank and Barn Swallow and Hooded Warbler were recorded and in the last week of September records included Baldpate, Green-winged Teal, Redheaded, Nighthawk,Hummingbird,both Kinglets, Warbling Vireo,and White-crowned Sparrow.

The Bulletin of New England Bird Life for June and July reports a successful breeding season for the land birds and an early start of the fall migration movement. Shore birds did not reach a peak in numbers by late July as is usually the case. Many Petrels and Shearwaters off the outer cape are probably accounted for by " fabulous invasion of mackerel." Very few southern herons were noted. A Western Willet July 30 and Hudsonian Godwit July 18 & 20 on the outer cape,and an early record of Baird's Sandpiper July 23 in Essex Co., and Little Gull June 4 to July 23 at Newburyport are of special interest. An Acadian Chickadee on Mt. Greylock June 10

is the first summer record there; it had been reported a few times in winter only in the past. Mockingbirds nested as far north as Corina, Me. A Western Meadowlark at Berkshire Country Club and 7 Red Crossbills June 10 at Mt. Greylock are other outstanding records. H.D.M.

Anniversary Banquet at Buffalo Museum of Science November 13th.

The committee for our fifteenth anniversary party, is rapidly completing the plans for that enening's enjoyment. The activities will begin with a dinner interspersed with wit and song, served at 6:30 P.M. When all are full of food and fun, the party will adjourn for sober relaxation to the Museum Auditorium.

Here Dr. Arthur C Twomey assistant curator of ornithology of the Carneige Museum will present a lecture under the topic, "South About", The talk covers the experiences on a trip aboard Mr. W.L.Mellon's yacht, Vagabondia, from Pamama along the west coast of South America to the Guano Islands.

Those who can not attend the dinner may come to the lecture in the Auditorium which will begin about 8:30 P.M.

The committee has prepared and is mailing to all members a letter which covers all of the matter about details and reservations. Committee members and officers will be glad to give the desired information to any person not receiving such a notice.

Hayes Lectures Buffalo Museum of Science- Sunday, Nov. 12, 3:00P.M.
Western Horizons by Dr. Arthur C Twomey.

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The Month

October was notable chiefly for the unusually large numbers of warblers which were still present, and for the marked extension of their departure dates. This the more interesting when we remember that their migration started very early in August. Analysis of the weather discloses that the first two weeks of October were mild. Starting with the fifteenth, which was twelve degrees below normal, the remainder of the month was somewhat colder than usual. There were no high winds and little precipitation(1.11 inches as compared with normal of 3.29) Results of the Fall Duck Census, taken on the 22nd, have already been reported in the previous issue of the Prothonotary.

Noteworthy Records

Hollboell's Grebe	Oct. 29	2	Niagara Falls	(Andrle, et al)
	" 31	9	" "	(Seeber)
	" 20	7	Lakeside	(Somerside)
Horned Grebe	" 4(L)	1	Woodlawn	(Wright)
Green Heron	" 14	22	O.O.	(Neelon rep. Mitchell)
Canada Goose	" 29	10	Grand Island	(Andrle et al)
	" 31	4	" "	(Seeber)
	" 20	1	Lyndonville	(Somerside)
Wood Duck	" 5	2	Buffalo Harbor	(Wright)
Redhead	" 14	1	O.O.	(Neelon rep. Mitchell)
Ring-N. Duck	" 11	2	Buffalo Harbor	(Wright)
Canvasback	" 5	6	" "	(")
Gr. Scaup Duck	" 14	2	O.O.	(Neelon rep. Mitchell)
Bufflehead	" 23(F)	1	Niagara River. Ft. Erie, Ont.	(Wright)
Eider Sp. ?	" 4	25	Woodlawn	(Wright)
White-w. Scoter	" 11(F)	3	Buffalo Harbor	(")
Surf Scoter	" 28	2	Peace Bridge	(Pause, Filor)
	" 29,31	1,2	Nia. Falls (Andrle et al)	(Seeber)
American Scoter	" 14(F)	1	Bird Island	(Mitchell)
Ruddy Duck	" 29	4	Niagara River	(Andrle et al)
Hooded Merganser	" 27	2	" Falls	(Seeber)
Am. Merganser	" 12	1	" "	(Mitchell)
Red-sh. Hawk	" 4	1	Lincoln Park	(Andrle)
Rough-l. "	" 31	1	Grand Island	(Seeber)
Bald Eagle	" 27	1	" "	(")

Osprey	Sept.13	1	Sinking Ponds	- Webster
	Oct.8 -L	1	East Pembroke	- Pause
Coot	" 30	50	Burnt Ship Creek	- Many members
Semipalmated Plover	" 27	1	Niagara Falls	- Seeber
Golden Plover	Sept.30	2	Windmill Pt.	- Wright
	Oct. 1-L	4	Fort Erie,Ont.	- Savage
Wilson's Snipe	" 23	1	" " "	- Wright
Spotted Sandpiper	" 5	2	Woodlawn	- "
	" 8	1	Windmill Pt.	- Filor
	" 24-L	1	Woodlawn	- Mitchell
Solitary Sandpiper	" 5-L	1	"	- Wright
Gr. Yellow-legs	" 24-L, 26		Ft. Erie,Ont.	- " , Mitchell
Lsr. " "	" 31	1	Goat Island	- Orcutt
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 23-L	2	Ft. Erie,Ont.	- Wright
Red-backed "	" 28	1	Peace Bridge	- Pause,Filor
Semipalmated "	" 3-L		Goat Island	- Orcutt
Parasitic Jaeger	" 17-F	1	Nia.Riv. below Int.Ry. Bridge	-Savage
Forster's Tern	" 14-F	1	Bird Island	- Mitchell
	" 19,24	1,2	Ft. Erie,Ont.	- " , Wrights
Common Tern	" 28-L	15	Bird Island	- " , Eames
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	" 8-L	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
Kingfisher	" 29	1	Niagara Falls	- " et al
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	" 15-L	1	Grand Island	- " " "
Phoebe	" 14-L	2	Forest Lawn	- Facklam,Andrle et al
Northern H. Lark	" 29	2	near Sherkston	- Savage
Tree Swallow	" 1	25-50	Burnt Ship Cr.	- Orcutt
Rough-w. Swallow	" 8	200	Versailles	- Wright
	" 15	1	Grand Island	- Andrle et al
Barn "	" 8	1	Sherkston,Ont.	- Filor
House Wren	" 8-L	3,1	Forest Lawn,Can. Shore	-Andrle, Filor
Carolina Wren	" 1	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 5	1	singing- Woodlawn	- "
	" 8	1	Erie Beach	- Schaffner
Prairie Marsh Wren	" 8-L	2	Shirkston, Grand Island	- Filor, Ulrichs
Catbird	" 13		Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 14	2	Forest Lawn	-Andrle, Facklam et al
Brown Thrasher	" 15	1	Harris Hill	- Wendling
	" 23-L	1	North Buffalo	- Andrle
Wood Thrush	" 2-L		Woodlawn	- Wright
Olive-b. Thrush	" 15-L	1	Harris Hill	- Wendling
	" 21	1 dead	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Gray-ch-Thrush	" 2		Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 7-L	2	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Pipit	" 8	60	Grand Island	- Ulrichs
	" 15	25	" "	- Andrle et al
	" 28	200	" "	- Wright
	" 29	1	Shirkston,Ont.	- Savage
Cedar Waxwing	" 8	4	Grand Island	- Ulrichs
Blue-h. Vireo	" 4	1	Lincoln Park	- Andrle
Red-eyed "	" 12-L	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
Black& White Warbler	" 4		"	- "
	" 7		Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
Orange-cr. "	" 2	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
	" 14	4	" "	- Facklam et al
	" 12	1	Niagara Falls	- Mitchell
Tennessee Warbler	" 2-L		Woodlawn	- Wright
Nashville "	" 14-L	4	Forest Lawn	- Facklam ,Andrle

Magnolia Warbler	Oct. 1		Woodlawn	- Wright
Ca	" 5,18-L		Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
Cape May "	" 6		Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 14-L	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
Black-thr.Blue Warbler	" 15-L	1	Grand Island	" " et al
Myrtle "	" 29-L	1	Niagara Falls	- " " "
Black-thr. Green "	" 8-L	1	Forest Lawn	- "
Blackburnian "	" 1		Woodlawn	- Wright
	" 5,7-L		Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
Bay-br. "	" 2-L		Woodlawn	- Wright
Blackpoll "	" 15-L	2	Grand Island	- Andrle et al
W. Palm "	" 15-L	2	" "	- " " "
Ovenbird	" 7-L	2	Harris Hill	- Wendling
N. Water Thrush	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle
	" 13	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
Water Thrush sp?	" 14	1	Forest Lawn	- Filor
Mourning Warbler	Sept 20-L	1	" "	- Andrle
N. Yellow-Thr.	Oct.14-L		" "	- "
Hooded Warbler	" 1-L	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
Redstart	" 15	1	Forest Lawn	- Andrle,Filor
Rose-br. Grosbeak	" 8,14-L	1	" "	- " "
Tree Sparrow	" 8	6	Grand Island	- Ulrichs
Field Sparrow	" 29-L	2	Toad Hollow	- Seeber
Lincoln's "	" 4	1	Woodlawn	- Wright
Snow Bunting	" 28	12	Grand Island	- "

Notes

Birds observed in Rochester and vicinity as reported by Mr. W.L.G.Edson for the first week of October include Horned Grebe, and Least Bittern; for the week ending Oct. 20 -Redhead, Bufflehead, Rough-legged Hawk, Solitary Sandpiper, Kingbird, Olive-backed Thrush, Blue-headed Vireo, Redstart and Pine Siskin. The following week's observations were Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, both Yellow legs, and Pipit's.

In the September 1944 issue of "The ELEPAIO", a publication of the Honolulu Audubon Society, appears an article by Dean Amadon entitled "Sabford Ballard Dole: Early Hawaiian Ornithologist". While the first govenor of the Territory of Hawaii, Judge Dole, an amateur ornithologist, published in 1869 the first edition of his " Birds of the Hawaiian Islands" and in 1876 wrote a pamplet entitled " Hawaiian Birds collected and mounted by J.D.Mills of Hilo, Hawaii". Two years later he described 2 new species in this collection and another species, the Crested Honey-creeper Palmeria dolei Wilson is named after him. Dean Amadon, now stationed in Hawaii as a member of our armed forces, calls attention to these early works at this particular time, as it is the hundredth anniversary of Major Dole's birth.

H.D.M.

The recent booklet by L.L.Snyder and illustrated by T.M.Short, both of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, labeled Canadian Birds, has much in its favor.

The author, has choosen, seventy five birds, grouped under fifteen different headings, the Pacific and the Atlantic, the Plains, Farmlands and the Cities and all the intervening habitat areas including the Arctic Tundra. Each bird choosen is characteristic and a near neighbor of that section. In his descriptions, the author, and illustrator have linked each bird with its surroundings by good description and accurate and intimate detail.

Typical of all areas is the choice of Killdeer, Savannah and Vesper Sparrows, Bobolink and Meadowlark, for the field, pasture, and meadow. The description of the bob-o-link, evokes memories of an early summer day and a warm, sun-soaked farm landscape. "Perhaps the most renowned inhabitant of our meadows is the Bobolink. He deserves its high place, in song

and poem, and in the affection of northern farm folk,by virtue of the voice and ecstatic flight of the male. He leaves his swaying perch in the hedge-row and on flickering wings proceeds,hovers,and driftsacross the meadow, all the while pouring out an inspiring medley. It has the staccato of plucked strings and the overtones of the guitar. In midsummer his voice is stilled, his dress is changed to sombre buff like that of his mate, and he and his kind soon seek the marshlands of the south, finally winter in Sout America."

Each of the fifteen pages of reading by L.L.Snyder and the fifteen pages of pen and ink sketches by T.M.Shortt,give evidence of intimate association with the species described ,so nicely complementing each other,that the reader feels a familiarity with each of the birds described.

E.C.U.

Future events

Meeting-- Wed. Dec. 13th-8:P.M. - Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science
At this meeting we will decide on the day for the Christmas Census. A leader will also be appointed and territories allotted.

Trips
Annual Christmas census time and leader to be chosen at the Dec. 13th meeting.

Eightythree people attended the fifteenth anniversary banquet of the Buffalo Ornithological Society,among these were several members who have not been able to attend regularly for so time,and twelve members and guests from out-of-town,one coming all the way from Philadelphia.

Other nature lovers joined us later in the museum auditorium for a lecture by Dr. Arthur C. Twomey. By word and picture he showed the similar comparisons that exists between the north and south latitudes along the Pacific coast line.

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November was very mild ,its mean temperature of 42.0 degrees comparing with normal of 38.5 . In addition,although there was at least a trace of precipitation on twenty-four of its thirty days,the total was less than half of normal. More than one-third of that total came on the last day of the month. This took the form of snow (3.3 inches),being practically the only snow which fell during the month. The continuously mild weather resulted in the poorest migration of Bona-parte's Gulls since 1933,and an almost total absence of the northern gull species. These birds will no doubt come later,but it is likely that most of the Whistling Swans (very poorly represented) have skipped our waters this fall. The record of a Black and White Warbler (see below) was the most exceptional of the month, but is crowded for a place in the lime-light by the King Eider. Absence of snow ,with consequent abundance of food in the north,apparently restrained the Snow Buntings and Longspurs from coming south in any numbers.

C.S.B.

Noteworthy Records

November 1944

Red-thr.Loon	Nov. 19	1	Niagara River	-Wright
	" 25	1	" "	- " ,et al
	" 26	1	" Falls(dead)	- Pause,Filor
Holboell's Grebe	" 7	2	" "	- Schaffner, Wagner
	" 12	1	" "	- Pause, Filor
Horned Grebe	" 19(L)	1	Yacht Harbor	- Andrle et al
Pied-b. "	" 14(L)	4	Burnt Ship Cr.	- Mitchell,Vaughan
Great Blue Heron	" 25(L)	1	Holland	- Andrle
Black-cr. Night Heron	" 21	1	Niagara Falls	- Orcutt
Whistling Swan	" 12	1	" "	- "
	" 21	4	Castile,N.Y.	- Thompson
Canada Goose	Oct 7,10,13	13,20,60	Derby,N.Y.	- H. Larkin
	Nov. 18,19	30, 57	Lyndonville,N.Y.	- W.A.Smith
	" 19	12	Crescent Beach	- Filor
Gadwall	" 12,14,24	2,3,2	Burnt Ship Cr.	- 5 members
Green-w. Teal	" 19	1	Lyndonville	- W.A.Smith
	" 19	1	Sherkston	- Andrle et al
Wood Duck	" 14(L)	1	Burnt Ship Cr.	- Mitchell,Vaughan
Am. Golden-eye	" 5	20	Canadian Shore	- Andrle et al
King Eider	" 18	1	Niagara River	- Mitchell,Wright

Ruddy Duck	Nov. 27	1	Lake Leroy - Hazelton, Beardslee
Hooded Merganser	" 8 records		Canadian Shore, Niagara River, Grand Island, Lake Ontario - Many members
Turkey Vulture	" 3	2,	Lake Ontario near Lakeside-Pixley
	" 7 (L)	1	Fredonia, N.Y. - Stanley
Cooper's Hawk	" 18,24	1,1	Lyndonville, N.Y. - W.A.Smith
Red-t. Hawk	" 5	15	migrating Canadian Shore- Andrle et al
Rough-l. Hawk	" 10 records		L. Ontario,-Pixley, 22 Lyndonville -Smith, 2 Grand Island- Many members
Marsh Hawk	" 3	12	Lake Ontario (Lakeside)- Pixley
Pigeon Hawk	" 3	2	" " " - "
Florida Gallinule	" 9(L)	1	Tift St. - Almendinger
Coot	" 19(L)	1	Lyndonville, N.Y. - Smith
Semipalmated Plover	" 4	2	Crystal Beach, Ont. - Wright
	" 5(L)	1	Yacht Club - Andrle et al
Killdeer	" 19(L)	6	Canadian Shore - " " "
Golden Plover	" 3(L)	1	Lakeside - Pixley
Black-b. Plover	" 18(L)	4	Beaver Island - Wagner
Wilson's Snipe	" 18(L)	6	" " - "
Greater Yellow-legs	" 3(L)	5	Lakeside, Lake Ontario-Pixley
Purple Sandpiper	" 11(F)	2	Pt. Abino, Ont - Wright
	" 19(L)	2	" " " - Andrle et al
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 3(L)	3	Lakeside, Lake Ontario - Pixley
Red-b. Sandpiper	Oct. 28	4	Dunkirk, N.Y. - Stanley
	Nov. 4,5	16,24	Crystal Beach -Wright, Andrle et al
	" 14(L)	5	Beaver Island - Mitchell, Vaughan
Sanderling	" 5	3	Crystal Beach - Andrle et al
	" 11(L)	6	Pt. Abino, N.Y. - Wright
Mourning Dove	" 25	13	Lyndonville, Arkwright- Smith, Stanley
	" 27	2	Grand Island - Orcutt
Screech Owl	" 9	1	struck by car -Elma, N.Y. now in museum-Thorpe
	" 9	1	with broken wing-rep. by a vet. Buff - "
	" 15	1	heard Ashland Ave - S.Brockner
	" 16	1	fell down chimney - Thorpe
Short-eared Owl	Oct. 18	10	Clarence Center - Hockmuth
	Nov. 18	1	Ransom Rd. Grand Is. - Savage
Pileated Woodpecker	" 24	1	Rushford, N.Y. - Seeber
Red-b. Woodpecker	" 27	1	Leroy, N.Y. - Hazelton
Winter Wren	" 5(L)	2	Crescent Beach, Ont. - Filor
Mockingbird	" 18	1	Lyndonville, N.Y.-W.A. & G. Smith
Robin	" 3,6	1	with white head, Niagara Falls- Rogerson
	"	1	albino almost completely white, Derby, N.Y. - H.Larkin
	" 23	1	Lyndonville, N.Y. - Smith
	" 25	1	Arkwright - Stanley
Bluebird	" 12(L)		Canadian Shore - Wagner
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 12	1	Batavia - Pixley
	" 23(L)	1	Lyndonville, N.Y. - W.A.Smith
Yellow-thr. Vireo	Oct. 3(L)		near W. Mud Lake - Stanley
Black & White Warbler	Nov. 4(L)	1	in yard Crescent Ave.,-Mitchell, Ulrich
W.Palm Warbler	Oct. 29(L)	1	Batavia - Pixley
Redwing	Nov. 5.	35	Canadian Shore - Andrle et al
Br. Grackle	" 19	4	Sherkston, Ont. - " " "
Cowbird	" 19	13	" " - "
	" 24	2	Holland, N.Y. - " ,Potter
Vesper Sparrow	Oct. 25(L)	1	Angola, N.Y. - Beardslee
Chipping Sparrow	Nov. 9 (L)	1	Kenmore, N.Y. - Andrle et al
White-thr. Sparrow	" 19	1	Sherkston, Ont. - Wagner
Fox Sparrow	" 12(L)	1	Canadian Shore - Andrle et al
Snow Bunting	" 5	7	Crescent Beach, Ont. - " " "
	" 19	47	Sherkston, Ont.

Notes

Rochester Bird Records for November as reported by W.L.G.Edson, for week ending Nov. 3 included Double-crested Cormorant,Goshawk,Wilson's Snipe, Greater Yellowlegs,Iceland Gull,Black and White Warbler,Myrtle Warbler, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, White-crowned Sparrow and Snow Bunting . During the following week Red-throated Loon,Shoveller,Ruddy Duck, Woodcock,Flicker,Hermit Thrush,Bluebird, redpoll, and Vesper Sparrow were among the species observed. Records in the week ending Nov. 17 included a late Sanderling; for the following week Killdeer,Winter Wren,Ruby-cr. Kinglet and Rwdwinged Blackbird were late records. During the last week of the month Great Blue Heron, Gadwall, Red-shouldered Hawk, Mourning Dove. Short-eared and Long-eared Owls, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch and Cedar Waxwing were recorded.

New England Records in September has many interesting records of southern species carried northward by the hurricane of Sept. 14th.

Especially notable was the large number of Black Skimmer reports from the entire N.E. coast and as far north as the Bay of Fundy. There was evidence of great loss of life among the land birds in exposed localities,as on outer Cape Cod,where, on the morning of the 15th,it seemed that all bird life had disappeared. Starlings, Meadowlarks,Redwings notably ,and doubtless many other species, had been practically exterminated in that region by the hurricane.

Other results of hurricane included 2 Leach's Petrel on the 15th on inside of Duxbury Beach, an increase in American Egrets at Weekapang,R.I. and a Snowy Egret at Warren,R.I. on the 16th. , 2 Wilson's Plover Sept.21 at Plum Island,1 Golden Plover caught in the hand at Camp Devens in the midst of the hurricane by J.A.Hagar, 4 Red Phalrope at Nabaut on the 15th.,Wilson's Phalarope in 2 localities, a big increase in Herring Gulls in all coastal areas(Mr. Griscom saw a remarkable albinistic immature bird,dark with pure white wings, at Marshfield).

12 Herring Gulls at Holyoke on the 15th were the only trace of the hurricane in the Connecticut Valley

Other records after the hurricane include 1 Franklin's Gull at Nauset Sept. 17th Laughing Gulls north to New Brunswick, a flight of Forster's Tern without precedent as many as 20 on Plum Island 16 at Nauset,12 Sooty Tern in Narragansett Bay on the 15th, many Least Tern as far north as New Brunswick, altho the last before the hurricane on outer cape was Sept. 3, Royal Terns in 4 localities 15th to 17th, a great many reports of Caspian Tern and several of Black Tern, Black Skimmers,up to 50 in New Brunswick,400 at Newburyport,225 at Ipswich, 386 on outer cape,give an indication of the unusual numbers of this species.

There was a good hawk flight at Mt. Tom on Sept.16,17 and 18 mainly Broadwings, about 915,but including Goshawk, Sharp-shins,Red-tailed Hawk,Bald Eagle, Marsh Hawk, Osprey,Duck,Pigeon, and Sparrow Hawks. There was a good shore-bird migration,including many Western Willets, 2 Buff-breasted Sandpipers at Newburyport Sept. 2 and all through the month, several Hudsonian Godwit records and the greatest flight of Western Sandpipers ever reported in eastern Mass. , for example over 100 at Marshfield on the 6th.

Red-breasted Nuthatches were very scarce,but there was an unusually fine warbler migration. A Lark Sparrow at Cohasset Sept.25 by Dr. May was a rarity. After hearing at least 1000 Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrushes,and also many warblers flying over during the night of Sept.8-9,Mr Griscom covered a large area of Essex Co.on the 9th,observing a record list of 112 species,with 15 species of warblers,without seeing a single thrush.

The Eider reported Oct. 23 on theNiagara River at Ft. Erie ,Ont. by A.J.Wright II has now been identified as a King Eider male,in eclipse plumage. Mr. Wright made a sketch of the plumage on the spot,and from it a painting,which was sent to Mr.Ludlow Griscom at Cambridge,Mass. His advice on the identification corresponds with that made by me after examining a large number of Eider skins at the American Museum of Natural History in N.Y.C. last Month.

If more sketches were made of rare birds on the spot,when all features can be noted carefully as did Mr. Wright,it would aid greatly in determining definite identification.

H.D.Mitchell

Future Events

Meeting-- Wed Jan 10th. Humboldt Room ,Museum of Science-- 8 P.M.

Program-- Xmas Census report. & Discussion on the plumages of the Eider Duck.

--Wed. Jan 24th. Humboldt Room of the Museum of Science

Program--Birding in California-- H.E.Eckler

Lectures--Sun. Feb.11-Auditorium of Buffalo Museum of Science
Program--Open Range-- Cleveland P. Grant.

Annual Christmas Census

The Christmas census will be taken on Dec. 31, over the usual area of Grand Island and area within a 15 miles diameter. C.S. Somerside has been chosen leader. Assignments of territories have been made to various individuals and groups. Mr. Sommerside will be glad to hear from any members not contacted and tell them of the plans and where and with whom they may go as they desire.

Keep records on our regular check lists and return the same to Mr. Sommerside as early as possible on Sunday afternoon or evening. If inconvenient to take list to 34 Nash Road phone your records in and mail your list later,to C.S.Sommerside 34 Nash Road,Kenmore,N.Y.- Phone Ri 6245.

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The Month

December started with three and one-half inches of snow on the ground, but this was rempved by higher temperatures and rain from the fifth to the tenth. On the eleventh and twelfth, thirteen and one-half inches of snow fell. Thereafter it snowed every day except the twenty-second, so that by the month's end a total of 35 inches had fallen. Temperatures were low throughout this period, and over a foot of hard-packed snow covered the ground on the last day of the month, when our Christmas census was held. Mean temperature was three and one-half degrees below average. When we compare the month with December 1943, with its unbelievably meager snowfall of one-sixth of an inch, we expect to find marked differences in bird life, and we are not disappointed. Bonaparte's Gulls, as is often the case, beat the weather to Buffalo, arriving in large numbers on the ninth. The continued severity of the weather sent them south a few days later, and instead of the large count on our 1943 census, almost none were reported on December 31st. this year, and none has been reported for January as this is written. Meadowlarks, Horned Larks, Longspurs, and Snowflakes found no bare ground here after the eleventh, and were poorly represented or entirely absent. Song Sparrows, however, were more numerous than usual. Influenced by the mild, open weather of November, they stayed to winter. Unlike the flocking birds mentioned above, wintering Song Sparrows generally appear as single birds staying within a very restricted area, usually a small thicket or group of bushes. If they remain until December, they usually "stick it out ". Rough-legged Hawks were much in evidence, particularly in the countries bordering Lake Ontario.

Noteworthy Records

Loon	Dec. 8-L-	3	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	-Mitchell
Horned Grebe	" 3-L-	1	" " " "	-Pause, Filor
Baldpate	" 10	1	Forest Lawn	-Filor
Pintail	" 8	20	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	-Mitchell
Redhead	" 30	1	" " " "	-Wagner
White-Wg. Scoter	" 2,3	Several records --Several members		
	" 9-L-	1	Bird Island	-Mitchell
Am. Scoter	" 3	5	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	-Pause, Filor
	" 8	5	" " " "	-Mitchell, Wright
	" 30-L-	1	" " " "	-Wagner
Hooded Merganser	" 3	1	Grand Island	- " , Webster , et al
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 3	1	" "	- " " " "
Rough-l'g'd Hawk	" 2,3,6,10--Several records--several members			
	" 29	6	Wilson, N.Y.	-Andrle, Filor
Marsh Hawk	" 3	1	Grand Island	-Mitchell, Webster, et al
	" 29	1	Wilson, N.Y.	-Andrle, Filor

Ruffed Grouse	Dec. 10	1	Springville,N.Y.	-Mitchell,~~Webster,et al~~
Glaucous Gull	" 8	1	Niagara Falls,N.Y.	- "
	" 9,10	1,1	Bird Island	- " " " "
Bonaparte's Gull	" 9,10	1900,1500	Bird Island	- " - " " "
Little Gull	" 2-L-	1	Bird Island	- " ,Wright
Mourning Dove	" 3	1	Fort Erie,Ont.	-Andrle
Barred Owl	" 29	1	Wilson,N.Y.	- " ,Filor
Long-eared Owl	" 21	1	31 Inter Park,Buffalo	Filor,et al
Short-eared Owl	" 3	3	Grand Island	-Mitchell,Webster,et al
	" 5	1,3,5	White Chapel Cemetery-Several members	
Kingfisher	" 3	1	Dufferin Islands,Ont.-Pause,Filor	
Red-br.Nuthatch	" 10	1	Forest Lawn	-Filor
Winter Wren	" 29	1	inside screened porch,Wilson-Andrle,Filor	
Catbird	" 10	1	Forest Lawn	-Filor
Robin	" 2	3	Pt.Abino,Ont.	-Mitchell,Wright
	" 3	2	in yard Sterling Ave.-Verrill	
	" 3	2	Grand Island	-Mitchell,Webster et al
	" several reports in newspaper during month			
Hermit Thrush	" 2	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Mitchell,Wright
Myrtle Warbler	" 3	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle
Meadowlark	" 3	22	Grand Island	-Mitchell,Webster,et al
Redwing	" 8	1	North Buffalo	-Andrle
Goldfinch	" 3	5,12	-Dufferin Is.,Peace Bridge-Pause,Filor-Andrle	
	" 29	10	Wilson,N.Y.	-Andrle,Filor
White-thr. Sparrow	" 3	1	Niagara Falls	-Pause,Filor
Swamp Sparrow	" 24	1	Bear Swamp	-Andrle,Filor
Song Sparrow	" 13,17	1	Niagara Falls,N.Y.	- "
	" 24	1	Bear Swamp	- " , "
Snow Bunting	" 17	50	Sheridan Dr.	- Wendling

Total species to Nov. 30 - 247
New for December - 0
Total for year - 247

Christmas Bird Census,Dec. 31, 1944

Centering on Grand Island,as in former years

Territories:
A- Buffalo Harbor,Canadian Shore Niagara River -James Savage
B- American Shore Niagara River,Bird Is. to Goat Is. - H.D.Mitchell,Mrs.K.F. Eschelman,JohnDoyle,Ronald Schnorr,David Lipchich,W.S.Hinegardner, Wheeler Rogerson,Francis Orcutt.
C- Willoughby Maesh-Andrle,Pause,Filor,Keim
D- Delaware Park-,Forest Lawn, Lincoln Park,White Chapel Cemetery,Snyder-Wendling, Wheeler,Madison
E- Grand Island: North of Long and Ransom Rd.- Thorpe,Shaw,Hardy,Schaffner
F- " " : West,S of Long,N of Whitehaven-Seeber
G- " " : " , S of Whitehaven,N of Bush- Ulrichs
H- " " : East, S of Ransom, N of Whitehaven-Beardslee
I- " " : " , S of Whitehaven,N of Love -Brettles
J- " " :South of Bush Road- -Somerside,Gehman,Wagner

In the following list, letters refer to parties reporting that species. Black-crowned Night Heron 5-B-,Mallard 207-B,D-,Common and Red-legged Black Duck 587, Baldpate 1-D-,Pintail 3-B-, Am. Golden-eye 1501, Bufflehead 2-A,D-,OldSquaw 102, Am. Merganser 238, Red-breasted Merganser 203-B,E-,Red-tailed Hawk 6, Am.Rough-legged Hawk 6, Sparrow Hawk 18, Ruffed Grouse 7-C-, R-n.Pheasant 267, Great Black-b.Gull 7 -A,B-, Herring Gull 128, Ring-bld.Gull 3-I,J-, Bonaparte's Gull 6-E-, Belted

Kingfisher 1-B,Mourning Dove 1-H, Screech Owl 1-B,Long-eared Owl 1-D,Short-eared Owl 11-D,E,F, Flicker 1-D ,Red-headed Woodpecker 10-C-,Hairy Woodpecker 7, Downy Woodpecker 35 , Blue Jay 34 ,Crow 169 , Bl-c. Chickadee 118 , White-br. Nuthatch 26 ,Brown Creeper 13, Winter Wren 1-H-,Golden-cr. Kinglet 3-E,G-,Starling 1267, English Sparrow 977, Redwing 5-B-,Cardinal 6-B,D,H-, Goldfinch 27 -C,F-,Slate-col. Junco 30, Tree Sparrow 229, Song Sparrow 9-B,H,I-, Snow Bunting 6-E-,

Total 49 species,6661 individuals.

The deep snow,averaging about 12 inches on t he level and much higher in many places,made walking in the woods very difficult. This,combined with the thick fog, which greatly affected visibility,cut down materially the observation of both land and water birds. The count of ducks and gulls,in particular,was wholly inadequate, and cannot be compared with former years' observations. The deep snow completely covered most of the weeds, so that it is not remarkable that there were no reports of Horned Larks,Meadowlarks,Lapland Longspurs,Robins and others species which otherwise might have been recorded.

Considering the above conditions,the territories were covered as well as humanly possible, and the tesults were not out of line with expectations. We cannot always pick out bright, sunshiny days for our census, and the results obtained under such difficulties as were experienced this year are, from that standpoint at least ,of interest to us.

I wish to thank all those who took part for their cooperation.

C.A.Somerside.

Feeding Station Hints

by Wheeler M. Rogerson

(Exerpt from a letter which accompanied his December records)

Some of your bird friends who are pesteree with English Sparrows may be interested in our experiment on the weathervane feeder. We nail up two pieces of cloth on the open side, allowing them to blow with the wind. For about ten days the sparrows will not venture any closer than a nearby bush,while the wild birds ,after a little hesitation on the first day,hop in and out without any fear. At the end of about ten days one or two sparrows will get up courage to go in, and gradually a dozen or more will follow. When this happens ,I change the cloths to another color, and get a week or so more respite from the gluttons. If you have Blue Jays,use colored cloth instead of white, as they seem to be afraid of the white while they scarcely notice the colors. The food I find most attractive to all wild birds is the black walnut. I crack them so they open in halves or quarters. Juncos,Cardinals, Chickadees, and Downies eat them on the spot,and what they leave in the shell the Nuthatches and Blue Jays carry away.

Notes

NewEngland Bird Records for October were not as spectacular as noted during the September hurricane,although 200 Black Skimmers were still present at Newburyport on Oct 21 and others were seen along the coast at least until the end of the month. A Tufted Titmouse at a feeding station at Waban was the first record of Eastern Mass. and the second Mass. record.A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Amherst Oct.22 and 23 was a very late record. There were some late warbler records notably a Black-throated Blue Oct.14 and a Redstart Oct.17 at Wells River,Vt. A Lark Bunting was seen Oct. 24 at S. Egremont. Snow Buntings arrived in most localities Oct.29 and30. On Oct.29 on the outer cape 6 Kittiwakes and a Franklin's Gull were seen. A very late flock of 16 Upland Plover were seen near Hartford,Conn on Oct.8. On Oct.27 about 800 Greater Shearwater and 20 Cory's Shearwater were seen about 15 miles N.E. of Provincetown.

Rochester Bird Records for December, as reported by W.L.G.Edson,include a late Coot and Kingfisher. The Christmas Census of the Genesee Ornithological Society taken on Dec.24 by 21 observers in 12 groups,totaled 53 species and subspecies,and about 4533 individuals. Included in the census were 2 Common Loon, 2 Red-throated

Loon, 1 Holboell's Grebe, 1 Canada Goose, 1 Hooded Merganser, 2 Cooper's Hawk, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 1 Florida Gallinule, 4 species of Owls, 5 Prairie Horned Larks, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5 Winter Wren, 1 Robin, 77 Cedar Waxwing, 9 Cardinal, 2 Redpoll, 28 Goldfinch, 3 Swamp Sparrow, 7 Song Sparrow.

The Hamilton Nature Club's Christmas Bird Census totaled 53 species and 9,865 individuals. Among the species recorded by 24 observers in 14 parties were 3 Horned Grebe, 1 Great Blue Heron, 1 Ruddy Duck, 2 Hooded Merganser, 4 Bald Eagle, 4 Glaucous Gull, 1 Mourning Dove, 2 Flicker, 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 19 Horned Lark, 1 Winter Wren, 2 Robin, 34 Cedar Waxwing, 63 Cardinal, 4 Purple Finch, 59 Goldfinch, 59 Goldfinch, 1 White-throated Sparrow, 4 Swamp Sparrow, 31 Song Sparrow, 405 Snow Bunting.

Also during December George North reports several Field Sparrows and 40 Pine Siskins. He saw 2 female and 1 first year male King Eider Nov. 11 to 19, and a Red Phalarope Nov. 26. Also a dark phase Swainson's Hawk on Oct 29. During a flight of accipiters and falcons on Sept. 15, a light sandy-backed falcon may have been a Prairie Falcon.

Mr. and Mrs Winship report a large attendance at their feeding station at Orchard Park since late December, including a Song Sparrow and a flock of Juncos feeding on small bird seed, several Blue Jays have become tame enough to come for sunflower seeds, while Nuthatches, Chickadees, Downy and 1 Hairy Woodpecker, 4 Golden-cr. Kinglets and 1 shy Brown Creeper visit the suet supply regularly. At least 4 other Song Sparrows visit other feeding stations in Orchard Park.

There seem to be many Song Sparrows here this winter, as 2 are also visiting the feeding station of Mr. Larkin at Derby, N.Y., along with a White-throated Sparrow, a pair of Cardinals, and many Chickadees, Nuthatches and Woodpeckers.

Mr. Maxwell Wheeler of Saybrook Place, Buffalo, reports a flicker as a regular feeder at the station in his back yard.

H.D.Mitchell

Meetings

Wed. Feb.14--8P.M.-Humboldt Room, Museum of Science-Forum led by H.D.Mitchell

Wed. Feb.28--8 P.M.-Humboldt Room, Museum of Science-
Ray Verrill--Results of 1944 bird banding.

Lectures

Sun. Feb.11. Open Range-by Cleveland P.Grant, Naturalist, Photographer

Sun. Feb.25. Wild Life in Action-by Dr.Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

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The Month

Anyone who survived January 1945 deserves to live to a ripe old age. The total snowfall (50.6 inches) was the greatest for any month in the history of the weather bureau. In addition, the mean temperature of 16 degrees was eight below normal for January, and with a single exception was the coldest in Buffalo's history. In contrast, January 1944 had a snowfall of 3.4 inches and mean temperature of 30 degrees. January 1945 started with twelve inches of snow on the ground,the residue of 34 inches which fell between the eleventh and the thirty-first of December. During January, snow fell on all except three days,without any thaw during the entire month. Thus the twenty-eight inch layer of snow which covered western New York as the month ended was a heavily packed mass which still retained almost the entire eighty-five inches which had fallen since December 11. Throughout the month high winds piled the snow into enormous drifts which closed many roads for long periods. It was a difficult period for ground-feeding birds,and as the extremely low temperatures continued without interruption, ice encroached upon the favorite haunts of the Mallards and Blacks above Goat Island until very little open water remained,except in the main channels which did not lend themselves to the feeding habits of these ducks. By the end of the month there were fewer Anatidae at the Falls than in any winter which this observer recalls. Snow Buntings were present in fair numbers,but northern finches were very scarce.

In attempting analyses of bird movements, this department wishes to point out that reasonable explanations of various phenomena are sought.The accuracy of such theories is sometimes fairly certain,but very often is highly conjectural. For example,if during the past month there had been a marked influx of Snowy Owls,we should undoubtedly have explained it on the basis of the heavy blanket of snow which covered the ground. The fact that no such invasion occured proves that such an explanation would have been erroneous.

Noteworthy Records

Black-cr. Night Heron	Jan	5	1	Goat Island	- Orcutt
	"	7	2	" "	- Savage, Mitchell
	"	13	1	" "	- Wrights, "
Canada Goose	"	28	4	flying S.E.-Kenmore	- Beardslee
Baldpate	"	1	1	drake. Forest Lawn	- Mitchell, Savage
Pintail	"	1	1	Goat Island	- Savage
Redhead	"	7	1	Grand Island	- " , Mitchell
	"	23	6	Niagara Falls	- Beardslee
Canvas-back	"	1	100	" River	- Savage
	"	6	200	Grand Island	- Wrights , Mitchell
	"	21-28	180 to 60	Grand Island	- Several mambers

Greater Scaup Duck	Jan 1	few	Niagara River	- Savage
	" 28	350	" "	-Pause et al
Bufflehead	" 6	4	" "	- Wrights, Mitchell
Old Squaw	" 13	1	Fort Erie,Ont.	- " "
	" 21	20	Niagara River	- Andrle et al
Red-br. Merganser	" 6	5	Grand Island	- Wrights ,Mitchell
Sharp-sh. Hawk	Dec. & "	1	almost daily. Castile	- Thompson
Cooper's "	" 13	2	Lincoln Pk.	- Wagner,Schaffner
	" 15	1	Univ. Bflo. Campus	- "
Rough-legged Hawk	" 9	1	Tonawanda	- Bourne
	" 21,23	1,1	Grand Island	-Andrle et al.-Beardslee
	" 28	7	" " &Wilson	- Pause et al
Marsh Hawk	" 6,7	1,2	Tonawanda	- Wrights,Savage,Mitchell
	" 14	2	Woodlawn & Irving	- Pause,Filor
	" 16	1	Tonawanda	- Bourne
Glaucous Gull	" 1	1	Goat Island	- Savage
	" 20	1	White-wngd Gull,Forest Lawn	-Filor
	" 28	2	Bennett Quarry	- Thorpe
	" 29	5	Fuhrmann Drive	- Filor,Wagner
Gt. Black-b. Gull	" 1	3	Goat Island	- Savage
	" 6	2	Grand "	- Wrights, Mitchell
	" 14	2	" "	- Pause, Filor
	" 16	5	Tonawanda	- Bourne
Ring-b. Gull	" 8	4	Fuhrmann Drive	- "
Screech Owl	Dec. 9	1	N. Buffalo	- Wagner
Great.Horned Owl	Jan 7	1	Hamburg	- Bourne
	" 28	1	Wilson	- Pause et al
Snowy Owl	" 21	1	Millersport HWY	- Savage, Ecklers
Barred Owl	" 28	1	Wilson	- Andrle et al
Long-eared Owl	" 13,15	1	U. of Bflo.Campus	- Wagner, Schaffner
Short-eared Owl	" 17,19	1	" " " "	"
	" 20	2	Cheektowaga	- Hochmuth
	" 21,28	6,3	Elm Lawn Cem.	- Andrle et al
Belted Kingfisher	" 2	1	Goat Island	- Orcutt
Flicker	" 1-20	1 daily	Buffalo	- Wheeler
	" 14	2	Irving	- Pause, Filor
	" 20	1	W. Buffalo	- Facklam
	" 28	1	Campbell Blvd.	- Pause et al
Blue Jay	" 1	3	Hamburg	- Bourne
Red-br Nuthatch	" 14	1	Irving	- Pause, Filor
	" 28	1	Wilson	- Pause et al
Brown Creeper	" 1	1	Hamburg	- Bourne
	" 1	&later at feeder.	OrchardPk.	- Winships
Robin	Dec 20	1	Eggertsville	- Rep. Somerside
	Jan 2,3	1	Rep. in Bflo.Eve. News	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	" 1	2	Hamburg	- Bourne
	" 14	3	Irving	- Pause ,Filor
	" 28	10	Wilson	- " et al
Cedar Warwing	" 10	9	Hamburg	- Bourne
	" 14	81	Derby	- Pause, Filor
	" 29	16	Irving	- Filor, Wagner
Northern Shrike	" 21	1	imm.Williamsville	- Phillips,Rep. Thorpe
Meadowlark	"	1	Kenmore	- Rep. Thorpe
Red-wing	" 6	2	Tonawanda	- Wrights, Mitchell
Cowbird	" 2	1	Hamburg	- Mrs. Creighton
	" 14	1	Irving	- Pause, Filor
Cardinal	" 1	1,daily,Niagara Falls		- Rogerson
		also 1 daily during Jan. at feeding station		
		Williamsville-Phillips- and at Buffalo- Mitchell		

Cardinal	Jan	14	17	Irving - Pause,Filor
	"	29	24	" - Filor,Wagner
Goldfinch	"	6,13	2,12	Hamburg - Bourne
	"	14	12	Chestnut Ridge Pk.- "
Slate-col.Junco	"	1	2	regularly at feeder,Hamburg-Creightons
	"	1	flock	" " " , Orchard Pk.-Winships
	"	14	5	Chestnut Ridge - Bourne
White-thr. Sparrow	"		1	daily at feeder,Indian Creek Rd,Williamsville -Phillips,Rep. Thorpe
Song Sparrow	"	1	1,2	Hamburg - Bourne,Creightons
	"		1	daily since Dec. 24,North Dr.,Bflo-Eschelman
	"		several	Orchard Pk.-Winships& Williamsville - Phillips
Lapland Longspur	"		1	Fuhrman Drive - Savage
Snow Bunting	"	4	flock	Orchard Pk. - Eschelman
	"	4	35	Blasdell - Bourne
	"	8	150,40	Fuhrmann Blvd.-Hamburg-Bourne
	"	13	3	Grand Island - Wrights, Mitchell
	"	21	26	" " - Andrle et al
	"	20.21		flock Fuhrmann Blvd.-Facklam,Savage
	"	22	10	Jamestown - Mitchell

The following species were also reported from many localities and by many observers during January.-- Mallards,Common and Red-legged Black Duck,Am. Goldeneye,Amer. Merganser,Red-tailed Hawk,Sparrow Hawk,Pheasant,Herring Gull, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers,Crow,Black-c Chickadee,White-br. Nuthatch,Starling, English Sparrow and Tree Sparrow.

Total species for January 1945 --59
" " " " 1944 --76

*Omission from Christmas Bird Census in January issue. H.D.M.
Canvasback 1(A),Greater Scaup 364, Lesser Scaup 1 (B).

Observations on Spring Migration

With the addition of sudden and peculiar outside influences, even, the most familiar and well known surroundings become entirely different and strange. Such was an experience in the later part of spring in 1944.

A warm sunny day on April 30th ended with a mild evening,hazy and cloudy with the approach of night,the kind of conditions under which we expect to find resting and feeding migrants in our choosen wood lots. The private area to the east of Lincoln Park seemed to fit well in this respect ,for the trees were still in bud. The birds ,however,were few and scattered,the whole area yeilding a few kinglets, one Black and White Warbler,a Myrtle,Meadowlarcks,Flickers and the ever present Crow and Starlings.

Suddenly the still air became almost animated. A slight sough,a sudden rustling of the leaves on the ground and immediately after,followed the cause of it all,a warm breeze of a very limited extent,out of the south east,making the air warm and balmy.

In the center of the wind and traveling with it as though a part of it were 10 Kinglets,1 Myrtle,2 Black and White and 1 Black-throated Blue Warbler,1 White-breasted Nuthatch and one Brown Creeper, all of these observations confined to an area about one hundred feet square,where there were no birds before or after.The whole phenomenon passed in a few minutes,leaving the whole woodlot again commonplace.

Subsequent search found none of the above mentioned birds and very few others . A Hermit Thrush,not seen before,a few kinglets,one Creeper and one Myrtle remained.

The whole, a miniature, compact migration with in the general bird movement, remained in tact with the peculiar movement of warm air, and traveled with it.

The aspect of it all nearly approached the supernatural and left small wonder why our superstitious and very imaginative forebears pictured the forest peopled with nymphs, sprites and fairies.

The phenomenon, separate, distinct and isolated from the surrounding woodlot gave a very complete and compact picture of the conditions which govern the big movement of migration that would pass by later in the spring.

E.C.U.

Notes

On Jan.28 in the LaSalle quarry Miss Thorpe noted a gull with very peculiar plumage- It was about Herring Gull size, with yellow bill and pinkish feet, but with all white plumage, including wing tips, except that on the right shoulder was a gray patch similar in shade to the mantle of a Herring Gull (not the light grayish mantle of the Glaucous or Iceland Gull, and confined to the shoulder of the right wing only. On the left shoulder were dark gray spots and streaks. The balance of each wing was white. Could this be an albino Herring Gull? This bird has been seen by a number of observers in the same neighborhood. H.D.M.

Rochester Bird notes for January, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, include for the first week of the year Ring-necked Duck, Red-shouldered Hawk, Snowy Owl, Flicker, Winter Wren, Robin, Northern Shrike, Cardinal, Goldfinch, Swamp Sparrow and Song Sparrow.. The following week Common Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Cedar Waxwing, and Rusty Blackbird were among the species recorded. Later in the month Hooded Merganser, Marsh Hawk, Coot, Glaucous Gull, Short-eared Owl and Screech Owl

To help one bear this severe winter, it is cheerful to learn from A.J.Wright II that on a trip from Western Conn. to New York City on Feb.15 he saw about 35 Bluebirds in small groups apparently just arrived from the south.

New England bird notes for December denote an absence of northern finches, while quite a number southern stragglers lingered on. The Essex Co. Census on the 31st listed 245 European Cormorants, the largest number ever reported there. There were few dabbling ducks, but some of the diving ducks appeared in normal numbers during the month. There were two records of Barrow's Golden-eye. Sparrow Hawks were very scarce. Among the stragglers were Coot, Greater Yellow-legs, Northern Phalarope, many Flickers, Mockingbird at Bangor, Me., Hermit Thrush, many Bluebirds in Mass., Ruby-cr. Kinglet and Yellow-br. Chat. Juncos were below normal in number, while Goldfinches were in unusual numbers in eastern Mass. Among the rarities recorded were a Skua seen near Vineyard Sound Lightship, European Black-headed Gull at Plum Is., and Three-toed Woodpecker ar Bechet.

There were many reports of Northern Shrikes, the first influx in several years, while only one Snowy Owl and very few Grosbeaks and Crossbills were reported from all New England.

New England Bird Notes for November indicate that the mild weather caused many birds to linger behind the normal migration. The last 3 Black Skimmers were seen Nov.8 at Newburyport. Generally speaking there were few dabbling ducks, but a heavy flight of Bufflheads and Ruddy Ducks. A Golden-Eagle was seen at Brewster on Cape Cod. There were record late dates on Florida Gallinule Nov.12, E. Gloucester and on Semi-palmated Plover Nov.24 at Newburyport. There was an unprecented Nov. flight of White-rumped Sandpipers, 75 being seen Nov.8, 40 Nov.12 and 2 Nov.24 at Newburyport. A Yellow Palm Warbler Nov. 5 at Lake Pontoosuc and Yellow-br.Chat Nov.4 at Manchester was very late.

H.D.M.

Future Events

Meetings

Wed. March 14,1945 Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science
" Ring-billed Gull " by Clark S. Beardslee

Wed. March 28,1945 Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science
Plans for Spring duck census Details later.

Field Trips

Spring duck census - Sunday April 8,1945 - Leader, E.C.Ulrich.

Museum course in "Wild bird life "

Beginning on Thursday March the 8th., Harold Mitchell will give a ten weeks course under the adult educational program of the Buffalo Museum of Science, under the title," Enjoy Buffalo's Wild Birds ". In his lectures,he will tell of the birds which can be seen within the city and the immediately adjacent areas. The Museum will be glad to give information and particulars about the course.

The Statisticians and editor ask that members get their records to Robert Andrle, 59 Blantyre Rd.,Buffalo,N.Y. (Tel.-1411) promptly after the 1st of every month. This will make possible the printing of the Prothonotary earlier in the month and regularly each month. To simplify reports send your records on regular check lists through the mail. Thank you.

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The Month

February entered with the handicap of a blanket of snow 28.8 inches deep. By the time the month was half over, this had been increased to 31 inches,thanks to an additional 17.1 inches which fell during those two weeks.Eventually thaws came,particularly on the 15th,22nd, 25th and 26th,and by the end of the month only 6.8 inches of snow remained. Mean temperature was 2.5 degrees above normal. Lowest for the month was four above on the fourth, and thereafter the temperature never fell lower than eleven. On the 22nd,rain,accompanied by a high wind (47 m.p.h.) and a high temperature of 52 degrees,made us believe that there still was a possibility of winter's coming to an end and that early migrants would eventually put in an appearance. Prairie Horned Larks,as well as might be expected , were late in arriving,and did not appear until bare ground showed along the shoulders of the country roads where the plows had scraped the snow away. The most unusual record for the month was Mr. Wild's Kildeer. Otherwise Feburary followed the pattern of a winter month with ground completely covered with snow.

Noteworthy Records

Gadwall x	Feb. 20 (F)	2	Grand Island	- Bourne
Baldpate	" 27	1	Forest Lawn	- Thorpe
Redhead	" 12,20	2	Nia. Falls,Gr. Island	-Pause et al; Bourne
Cooper's Hawk	" 3	2	Hamburg, Eggertsville	-Bourne ; Schaffner
	" 16	2,1 shot	-Fredonia,N.Y.	- Stanley
	" 18	2	Chestnut Rdg. Pk.	- Bourne ; H.H.Larkin
	" 19	1	Lyndonville,N.Y.	- W.A.Smith
Rough-lgd. Hawk	" 14,21	2	Churchville ,Depew	- Bourne
Bald Eagle x	" 12	1	Youngstown Cemetary	- Pause et al
Marsh Hawk	" 25	1	Idlewood	- " " "
Ruffed Grouse x	" 17	1	Chestnut Rg Pk.	- Andrle er al
Killdeer x	" 25(F)	1	East Aurora,N.Y.	- Wild
Glaucous Gull	" 4,10,11,17,18,25,26	-1to7	-Fuhrmann Blvd	-several members
	" 5	1	LaSalle Quarry	- Andrle ,Pause
	" 18	3	Elk Street	- Pause et al

Iceland Gull	Jan 30	1	Tift St. - Bourne
	Feb. 4	1	adult-Fuhrmann Blvd - Filor
	" 10	1	" " " - Andrle et al
	" 18	1	imm. Elk St. - Pause,Filor
	" 24	1	" Fuhrmann Blvd - Wright
Kumlien's Gull x	" 4	1	" " " - Andrle et al
Ring-b. "	" 21	5	Fort Erie,Ont. - Thorpe
Barn Owl x	" 24	1	picked up dead,Kuckville,N.Y. - one in barn near Lyndonville,N.Y.-W.A.Smith
Mourning Dove x	" 28	2	Del. Ave. north of Ferry - Bourne
Screech Owl x	" 10	1	in wood duck box Lyndonville-W.A.Smith
Great Horned Owl	" 12	1	Wilson Cem. - Pause et al
	" 12		pair & nest ,Lyndonville- W.A.Smith
Barred Owl	" 12	1	Wilson Cem. - Pause et al
Long-eared Owl	" 25	1	Idlewood - " " "
Short-eared Owl	" 4	1	Fuhrmann Blvd. - Several members
	" 5	1	U. of Bflo Campus - Andrle et al
	" 26	1	Elm Lawn Cemetary - Thorpe
Flicker	Jan 6	1	Batavia,N.Y. - Pixley
Prairie Horned Lark x	Feb 16-F-	3	Lakeview - Bourne
	" 17,18	53,54	Java&Alden,Grand Is.-Wagner- Savage
	" 25	20	Clarence Center Rd.&Pendleton-Wendling
Red-dr'd Nuthatch	" 12	1	Wilson Cemetary - Pause et al
Brown Thrasher x	Jan	early in month.	1 at feeder,Jamestown,N.Y.-Beal
Robin	Feb.26	2	North Bflo & Nia.Falls-Andrle,-Rogerson
Bluebird x	" 27-F-	1	Jerusalem Corners - Mrs.H.H.Larkin
Cedar Waxwing	" 4	9	Idlewood -Andrle et al
Northern Shrike	" 12	3	Between Youngstown&Wilson-Pause et al
Cardinal	" all month	1	Nia.Falls-Rogerson,-2 Derby-H.H.Larkin
	" 4	approx. 35	Irving,N.Y.-Andrle et al
Pine Siskin x	" 12	5	Youngstown & Wilson Cem.-Pause et al
Goldfinch	" 12	28	" " " " - " " "
	" 17	1	Hamburg,N.Y. - Andrle et al
White-thr. Sparrow	" all month	2	Derby,N.Y. -H.H.Larkin
Fox Sparrow x	" 28	1	singing Grand Island-Seeber
Song Sparrow	" all "	1	Derby,N.Y. - H.H.Larkin
Snow Bunting	" 3,4	200,345	-Fuhrmann Blvd&Athol Spr.-Wright-Andrle
	" 4	8	Holland,N.Y. - James
	" 17	225	Fuhrmann Blvd. - Andrle et al
Lapland Longspur	" 3	1	" " - Wright

Total species for January 59
New species for February 15
Total for year to Feb.28 74

Notes

Rochester birds notes for February as reported by Mr.W.L.G.Edson include Red-shouldered Hawk,Yellow-bellied Sapsucker,Winter Wren,Cedar Waxwing, Northern Shrike, Cardinal, and Goldfinch during the first week of the month. During the following week Common Loon was reported,and for the week ending Feb.23d.,Hooded Merganser and Prairie Horned Lark were reported. In the last week of February Cooper's Hawk, and Marsh Hawk,Coot,Glaucous Gull, Kingfisher and Golden-crowned Kinglet were noted.

H.D.Mitchell

Sight Record of Sycamore Warbler

On May 30,1943 while birding in the woods at Forest Lawn Cemetery,Buffalo,I came across a group of perhaps half dozen warblers in a large maple. They were Blackburnian Warblers for the most part,but one bird looked slightly different. The eye line and a large spot behind the eye were whitish; the throat itself was a very

distinct yellow,and this yellow patch was confined entirely to the throat and upper portion of the breast. The bird had two distinct wing bars,and there was no trace of yellow in the eye-line.

The bird fit completely the description and other data for Dendroica dominica as given in Peterson's "A Field Guide to the Birds ",which I was able to refer to on the spot,except in regard to the bird's behavior. The actions were similar to those of the Blackburnians with which it associated,and the bird did not exhibit the "creeping" tendency of the species while I watched, a period of approximately twenty minutes.

While there is no previous record of this bird for Western New York, I believe that the unusual opportunity I had of observing this bird in good light,ten to fifteen feet away,with reference book and 8x glasses in hand ,makes it possible to state with assurance that I was looking at a specimen of the Sycamore Warbler-Dendroica dominica albelora. I have seen Sycamore Warblers twice before in the Ohio Valley in West Virginia.

A record of this observation appeared in "The Prothonotary," June 1943.

E.L.Seeber

NB: The Statisticians feel that a specimen of the Sycamore Warbler should be taken in our territory before this species is defin tely added to our list.

In addition to the above sight record there is an additional record by R.W. Sheppard at Stamford,Ont.,near Niagara Falls on May 20,1943. (See Auk Vol.6 July 1944-p 469.

H.D.M.

Notice of Conservation Forum Poster and Essay Contest

This contest ,sponsored by the conservation Forum of Buffalo and Western New York is open to all schools in Erie,Orleans,Genesee,Wyoming,Allegany,Cattaraugus, and Chautauwua Counties.

The Society's representative in the Forum,announce the following classes in which prizes of cash and of war saving stamps will be awarded at the annual School of Conservation at the Buffalo Museum of Science May 5.

In the contest on conservation posters sixteen or more prizes will be given in three classes--Class 1,High School;Class 2.Grades 7&8;Class 3 Grades 4,5,6. Suggested poster subjects are conservation of soil, water,forests,or wild life (including birds),clean streams,gardens,nutrition,community cleanup, outdoor living. There are no restriction as to size of medium,but cut paper posters will be judged separately from those using pastel or other mediums.

Ten prizes will be given for essays,which are limited to 400 words. In Class4, High School,there is a choice of three subjects (A) Looking ahead in the use of natural resources; (B) Must our streams be sewers? (C) Why I am a victory gardener. Class 5,Grades 7&8,choice of four subjects-(A) Some unloved friends of man(such as snakes,skunks,hawks,owls,foxes)-(B) Man's worst mammalian enemy,the RAT-(C) I live on a contoured farm-(D) Round farming for round farms.

For reports and exhibits Class 6 seven prizes will be awarded. These are open to schools,grades,classes,clubs,scout troops,and other organized junior groups of any age or grade. The report of a group project in conservation ,victory gardening.or conservation education may be written by a teacher,leader,or participant, and should be accompanied by a suitable exhibit(chart,notebook,photograph,or other material)

All enteries must be received on or before Saturday,Apr. 14. They may be mailed to the Conservation Forum,Buffalo Museum of Science,Buffalo 11,N.Y.,or brought to the Junior Education Division of the Museum. Further information and contest rules may be obtained from the Junior Education Division of the Museum or from Miss Mabel James,Holland,N.Y. chairman of the Forum's Education Committee.

Annual Spring Duck Census

This census will be taken on Sunday April the eight. Because of wartime restrictions,the area covered on this year's census will be of less extent than under

normal peace time conditions. Several members have accepted leader-ship to cover chosen localities. All members are asked to take part in the bird count on this day, either by joining with one of the leaders or going out on their own. Please send your records, either by phone or in person to Ed. Ulrich, 193 LaSalle Ave: Pa 8896, early on Sunday evening. The leader will gladly give information to any one who cares to take part in this census.

E.C.Ulrich

Future Events

Meetings:

Wed. Apr. 11th. Humboldt room, Buffalo Museum of Science 8 P.M.
Speaker- Francis Tilley who will speak on the Life of Alexander Wilson.

Wed. Apr. 25th. Humboldt room of Buffalo Museum of Science
Program- Pictures by James Savage

Trips

Spring duck census --Sunday April 8th.-for information call Ed. Ulrich.

Early Saturday morning walks in Delaware Park begin April 21st. Come to the park and look for people with bird glasses.

Lectures

Hayes lecture Sunday April 15th. 3P.M.--Auditorium of Buffalo Museum of Sc.
Speaker-- Martin K. Bovey--Bird Shooting with a camera.

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The Month

It is hardly to be expected that the record set by March,1945 will be approached for many years to come. Mean temperature was 44.4 degrees,which compares with normal of 31.3 for March. As a matter of fact, the month was warmer than an average April. Not a single day was below normal, but the month was divided into three particularly warm waves which reached their peak on the fifth, fifteenth,and twenty-sixth. On the latter date a temperature of 81 degrees broke all March records . Precipitation, almost entirely in the form of rain ,was 4.26 inches,comparing with normal of 2.57. Rain,sunshine,and high temperatures caused rapid disintegration of lake ice. The mild weather also resulted in a marked advance in the migration season. Robins , Redwings,and Song Sparrows were common after the first week, but the influx of migrants became really pronounced during and after the second of the warm waves mentioned above . Such species as Ring-billed Gulls,Vultures,Great Blue Herons, and Greater Yellowlegs returned early,but this observer the fa ct that one could drive through the country-side during the last week of March and see and hear Savannah and Vesper Sparrows on all sides was the surest proof of the early season.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

x- new for 1945

F- first migrant

Holboell's Grebe x	Mar.15-F-	1	Goat Island	-Orcutt
Horned Grebe x	" 30-F-	1	Niagara River	- "
	" 31	18	Newstead Sinks	- Wagner
Pied-billed Grebe x	" 14-F-	1	Niagara River	- Seeber
Great Blue Heron x	" 18-F-	5	O.O.	- Savage,Wrights
Black-cr. Night Heron	" 7	1	Goat Islend	- Orcutt
	" 24	31	Wickwire Marsh	- Schaffner
Am. Bittern x	" 22-F-	1	O.O.	- Ecklers
Whistling Swan x	" 11-F-	2	Transit Sinks	- Pause
	" 14	86,57,4	Nia.River	-Savage,Seeber,Beardslee
	" 12	32	Bowmansville	- "
	" 17	24	Newstead Sinks	- Mitchell et al
	" 18,20	1,17	Corfu & Nia. Blvd	-Andrle et al,Orcutt
	" 23-25	11to 22	Nia.River	- Several members
	" 26,31	1,2	Crystal Lake,Newstead Sinks	- Bourne, Wagner
Canada Goose	" 3-F-	6	Derby,N.Y.	- H. Larkin
	" 10	2	Transit Rd.Sinks	- Andrle et al
	" 11	75	Castile,N.Y.	- Thompson
	" 11,14	32,54	Irving & OO.	-Thorpe et al, Ecklers
	" 14	20	Lyndonville,N.Y.	- Smith
	"15-27	1000-2000	O.O.	- Ecklers,Wrights,Beard

Canada Goose		Mar.17,18	7, 29	Over Del. Pk & Newstead sinks-Andrle
		" 29	11, 800	Jamestown,Lyndonville-Bourne, Smith
Gadwall		" 11	1	Irving - Thorpe et al
		" 14	1	Buffalo Harbor - Praemassings
Baldpate		" 10-F-	3	Furhmann Blvd. - Mitchell
Pintail		" 8-F-	1	Goat Island - Bourne
		" 10	2	Newstead Sinks - Andrle et al
		" 17	350	" " - Mitchell et al
		" 18	2000,350	O.O. &Newstead Sinks-Wrights,Andrle et al
Green-w. Teal	x	" 18-F-	2	Newstead Sinks -Andrle et al
		" 24	2	Beaver Is. - " " "
		" 27	4	O.O. - Beardslee
Blue-w. Teal	x	" 31-F-	2	Newstead Sinks - Wagner
Wood Duck	x	" 23-25-F-		O.O. - Ecklers
		" 26,27	10	Lyndonville - Smith
Ring-n- Duck	x	" 15-F-	2	O.O. - Ecklers
Canvasback		" 3,4,14,24	150,-1000	off Beaver Is.-Several members
Ruddy Duck	x	" 18	1	pond s. of Hamburg - Creightons
		" 23	1	O.O. - Ecklers
Hooded Merganser	x	" 18-F-		pond s. of Hamburg - Creightons
		" 19	2	Ellicott Cr. Pk - Wagner
		" 20	2	Lyndonville - Smith
		" 24	3	Burnt Ship Cr. - Andrle et al
Turkey Vulture	x	" 23-25-F-	6	O.O. - Ecklers
		" 27	6	O.O. - Beardslee
		" 30	1	Ellington,N.Y. - Bourne
Goshawk	x	" 14	1	carrying hen pheasant,Goat Is.-Beardslee
		" 21	1 imm.	Grand Island - Seeber
Sharp-sh. Hawk		" 23-F-	1	O.O. - Ecklers
		" 26	1	Lincoln Pk. - Somerside
Cooper's Hawk		" 4,11	5	Youngstown,Irving - Thorpe
		" 18,24		Newstead, Grand Is. - Andrle et al
Red-sh. Hawk	x	" 11-F-	1	Irving - Thorpe et al
		" 15-18,23-25-	180	O.O. - Ecklers- Wrights
		" 18,25	3	Corfu, Peace Bridge - Andrle,et al,Wagner
Rough-lgd Hawk		" 4	8	migrating Youngstown - Thorpe et al
		" 24,27	1,1	Gr. Is.,Millersport-Andrle et al,Beardslee
Bald Eagle		" 4	2 imm.	Burnt Ship Cr. - Pause et al
		" 26	2	Rushford - Bourne
Pigeon Hawk	x	" 16-F-	1	Niagara Falls - Rogerson
Coot	x	" 11-F-	1	Irving - Thorpe et al
Kildeer		" 5		Hamburg, Lyndonville - Bourne, Smith
Woodcock	x	" 17-F-	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk. - "
Wilson's Snipe	x	" 19-F-	2	Sheridan Dr. - Wagner
		" 20	2	Tonawanda - Mitchell
Gtr. Yellow-legs	x	" 18-F-	1	Genesee St. - Savage
		" 27	2	Clarence - Beardslee
Glaucous Gull		" 10.11	3,6	Fuhrmann Blvd - Mitchell, Thorpe etal
Iceland Gull		" 11	1	" " - Savage
Ring-bld. Gull		" 3	1	Grand Island - Andrle et al
		" 14	11	" " - Beardslee
Bonaparte's Gull	x	" 25-F-	1	Buffalo Harbor - Andrle et al
Screech Owl		" 5,10	1	dead Big Tree,N.Y. - Bourne
			1	heard -Hamburg,N.Y. - "
		" 26	2	Lyndonville,N.Y. - Smith
Great Horned Owl		" 4	1	Wilson,N.Y. - Pause et al
		" 16,24	2	O.O. - Ecklers
Barred Owl		" 4	1	Wilson,N.Y. - Pause et al
		" 11	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk. - Bourne
		" 15-17,23-25	2	O.O. - Ecklers

Short-eared Owl		Mar. 21,22	2	Lackawanna,Hamburg	- Bourne
		" 23,24	1,7	Grand Is.	- Seeber, Schaffner
Belted Kingfisher		" 9	1	Goat Is.	- Orcutt
		" 20	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	- Bourne
Flicker		" 19-F-	1	Castile,N.Y.	- Thompson
Pileated Woodpecker	x	" 25	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk	- Bourne
Red-headed Wdpkr.		" 3,4	2	Beaver Is.	- Andrle et al,Wagner
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		" 29-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Wendling
Phoebe	x	" 18-F-	1	Harris Hill	- "
Tree Swallow	x	" 31-F-	3	Lyndonville,N.Y.	- Smith
Winter Wren	x	" 24-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Wolfling
Robin		" 2	2	Niagara Falls,many by 5th & 6th-Rogerson	
Hermit Thrush	x	" 29	1,5	Forest Lawn,Lincoln Pk-Wendling,Filor	
Bluebird		" 4	1	Hamburg:E. Aurora;2 Derby-Savage,Bourne, Wander,Larkin	
Golden-cr. Kinglet		" 16-F-	1	Del. Park	- Mitchell
Cedar Waxwing		" 4	6	Lyndonville	- Smith
		" 11	10	Nia .Falls	- Rogerson
		" 16,17	6	O.O.	- Ecklers
Northern Shrike		" 4	1	Wilson,N.Y.	- Pause et al
		" 18-L-	1	O.O.	- Wrights
Migrant Shrike	x	" 17-F-	1	Lyndonville	- Smith
		" 18	1	O.O.	- Wrights
		" 24	1	Barcelona	- Somerside
Meadowlark		" 10-F-	3	Sheridan Dr.,Elma	-Wagner,Simmons
Redwing		" 3-F-	2, 15	Hamburg,Burnt Ship Cr.-Bourne,Andrle	
		" 5	several flocks mig. Wahakah		- Wright
Rusty Blackbird		" 16-F-	12	Athol Springs	- Bourne
		" 18	18	O.O.	- Savage
Bronzed Grackle	x	" 8-F-		Castile,N.Y.	- Thompson
Cowbird		" 9-F-	2	Big Tree	- Bourne
		" 24	2000	Dunkirk,N.Y.	- Somerside
Purple Finch	x	" 14-F-	1	Niagara Falls,N.Y.	- Rogerson
		" 25	1	Hamburg,N.Y.	- Bourne
		" 27	1	Jamestown,N.Y.	- Beal
Goldfinch		" 4	35	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	- Bourne
		" 29	6	Lincoln Pk.	- Andrle
Red-eyed Towhee	x	" 16-F-	1	in rear of parking lot Delaware Ave-Bourne	
		" 20	1	Dunkirk,N.Y.	- Bourne
		" 27	1	Forest Lawn	-Somerside
		" 24	1	Grand Island	- Andrle et al
Savannak Sp.	x	" 27-F-	1	Milleraport,N.Y.	- Beardslee
Vesper Sp.	x	" 28,29-F-	4	St. Bonaventure,N.Y.	- Bourne
Chipping Sp.	x	" 31	1	Jamestown,N.Y.	- Beal
Field Sp.	x	" 23-F-	1	Castile,N.Y.	- Thompson
Fox Sp.		" 17	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	- Bourne
Swamp Sp.	x	" 11-F-	1	Harris Hill	- Seeber
Song Sp.		" 4-F-		Hamburg,N.Y.	- Bourne
Lapland Longspur		" 6	3	Campbell Blvd.,Hamburg-Bourne	
Snow Bunting		Feb. 18	55	Grand Is.	- Orcutt
		Mar. 3	30	" "	Andrle et al
		" 17-L-	10	Newstead	- Mitchell

H.D.M.

No.species to Feb.20--73** New species for Mar.--38 **Total to date-111

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes as reported by W.L.G.Edson include for the week of March 9th:Canada Goose,Baldpate and Redhead Ducks,Coot,Hermit Thrush,Purple Finch and Snow Bunting. For Week of Mar. 16 : Pied-billed Grebe,Ring-necked Duck,Hooded Merganser, Turkey Vulture,Killdeer,Pine Grosbeak. For Week of Mar. 23d :Marsh Hawk,Osprey Woodcock,and Tree Swallow. For week of Mar. 30th : Broad-winged Hawk,Phoebe,Pipit, Migrant Shrike,Field and Fox Sparrows.

Annual Spring Duck Census

Around the first week in April , the Buffalo Ornithological Society has regularly taken an early spring census,primarily to count the ducks,but also including the land birds. This year the census was held on Sunday April 8. The unseasonably warm March weather had its influence. Where in other years ice covered the edges of the ponds or heavy snow squals and cold weather made winter clothes a comfort, this year's warm and sunny weather ,made conditions equal that of early May. The results of this census coinciding with these factors gave us the highest tally of any census. Most of the species of ducks and the usual Grebes and Swans were seen. Bonaparte's Gulls appeared in large numbers and in keeping with the weather of the day , observers found most of the Sparrows in full song.

Territories and Observers

A-Buffalo Harbor,Canadian shore of Niagara River to Niagara Falls- Savage
B- Canadian Shore, Peace Bridge to Pt. Abino - Mitchell, Miss Moore,Dr.& Mrs Johnson
C- " " , Pt. Abino to Mowhawk Pt. - Tilleys
D- Niagara Falls ,N.Y. - Orcutt,Rogerson
E- Grand Island,N. of White Haven Rd - Andrle,Filor,Wagner, Keim
F- " " ,S. " " " ",West sec.-Seeber,Webster
G- " " ," " " " ",East " & shore at Wickwire Plant-Somerside
H- Towns of Clarence and Newstead -Ulrichs,Brown,Wolfling
I-Forest Lawn,Delaware & Lincoln Pks.,White Chapel mem. Cem.-Madison,Wendling,Robbins, Lamy, Rosa
J- American Shore to Irving - Beardslee
K- Chestnut Ridge Park - Verrills
L- Rushford,Lime,Silver,& Crystal Lakes &Sinking Pond-Winships,Creightons
M. Batavia;Horseshoe,Nu,Leroy,LaGrange Lakes - Pixley
N- Leroy - Hazelton
O- Oak Orchard swamp - Dr. Meade et al
P- Lyndonville - Smith
Q- Dunkirk; Bear,Cassadaga & West Mud Lakes - Stanleys,Meroneys,Schober
R- Chatauqua Lake - Beals

Birds Observed

1.	Common Loon	8		35.	Sparrow Hawk	37		70.	Red-br. Nuthatch 1 F
2.	Horned Grebe	26		36.	Ruffed Grouse	1	Q	71.	Brown Creeper 38
3.	Pied-bill. "	25		37.	Rind-nk.Pheasant	124		72.	Winter Wren 7
4.	Gr.-blue Heron	119		38.	Coot	44		73.	Prairie Marsh Wren 2 H
5.	Bl-cr. Night Heron	306		39.	Killdeer	85		74.	Brown Thrasher 1 C
6.	Am. Bittern	7		40.	Woodcock	6		75.	Robin 1200
7.	Whistling Swan	16		41.	Wilson's Snipe	10		76.	Hermit Thrush 50
8.	Canada Goose	7000 O-6000; P-584		42.	Upland Plover	1	K	77.	Bluebird 92
				43.	Yellow Legs	5		78.	Bl-gr. Gnatcatcher 1 J
9.	Mallard Duck	288		44.	Bl-backed Gull	3		79.	Gl-cr. Kinglet 240
10.	Comm.Bl. "	117		45.	Herring Gull	459		80.	Rb- " " 16
11.	Rd-lg." "			46.	Ring-bld. "	433		81.	Pipit 2 L
12.	Baldpate	112		47.	Bonaparte's Gull	11000		82.	Migrant Shrike 3 P
13.	Pintail	315		48.	Mourning Dove	119		83.	Starling 1981
14.	Gr-wng. Teal	3	H,O	49.	Screech Owl	2		84.	Eng. Sparrow 684
15.	Bl- " "	13		50.	Gr-horned Owl	2		85.	Meadowlark 334
16.	Redhead	37		51.	Belted Kingfisher	23		86.	Redwing 1172
17.	Ring-necked Duck	46		52.	Flicker	236		87.	Rusty Blackbird 12 M,R
18.	Canvasback	189		53.	Pileated Wpker	1	K	88.	Bronzed Grackle 421
19.	Gr.&Ls.Scaup	1069		54.	Red-bld. "	1	N	89.	Cowbird 649
20.	Am. Golden-eye	253		55.	Red-hd. "	5		90.	Cardinal 3
21.	Buffle-head	187		56.	Yel-bld. Sapsucker	69		91.	Purple Finch 7
22.	Old Squaw	286		57.	Hairy Woodpecker	5		92.	Gold Finch 8
23.	Ruddy Duck	6	H,L	58.	Downy "	25		93.	Red-eyed Towhee 17

24.	Hooded Merganser	27	59.	Phoebe	55		94.	Savan. Sparrow	96
25.	Amer. "	114	60.	N. Horned Lark	1	L	95.	Vesper "	228
26.	Red-Br "	1221	61.	P. "	"60		96.	Sl. Col.Junco	730
27.	Turkey Vulture	1,0	62.	Tree Swallow	35		97.	Tree Sparrow	2
28.	Sh.- Shn. Hawk	1	63.	Barn "	1		98.	Chipping "	14
29.	Cooper's "	5	64.	Purple Martin	6	M,Q,R	99.	Field "	80
30.	Red-tld "	19	65.	Blue Jay	7		100.	Wh- thr. "	4
31.	Red-Shld "	11	66.	Crow	316		101.	Fox "	4
32.	Brd-wingd "	1	67.	Bl-c Chickadee	102		102.	Swamp "	76
33.	Rg-lgd. "	3	68.	Tuf.Titmouse	1		103.	Song "	1069
34.	Marsh "	37	69.	Wh-br Nuthatch	18				

Total number of species --103. Total number of individuals--24,404

Future Events

Meetings

Wed. May 9th. Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science 8P.M.
Plans for the spring census for May 13th. -- Leader,C.S.Beardslee
Information please -- " " " "

Wed. May 23d. Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science 8P.M.
Results of the census

Wed. June 13th. Pavillion at Old Fort, Fort Erie,Ont. Details later

Wed. June 27th. Beaver Island Park Grand Island " "

Trips

Sat. Morning walks in Delaware Park-Come and join the birders who beat you there.
Spring census May 13th. C.S.Beardslee ,leader

Editor's note: In error the 1945 Feb. and March issues were numbered Volume 12. The volume number should have been 11.

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The Month

As reported in our last issue,March 1945 averaged thirteen degrees above normal. The first half of April continued the pattern,being also thirteen degrees above normal- By the middle of the month, foliation was easily three weeks ahead of schedule,and bird migration and ,in many cases,nidification were breaking all-time records for early dates. High temperature was recorded on the 11th,a reading of 86 breaking all records for April.A further contrast with what was to come was offered during the period from the 6th to the 15th inclusive,which had no precipitation whatever. The second half ofthe month was consistantly cold and rainy,with traces of snow on four days. Tree growth seemed to cease during the period,and late April migrants were almost entirely absent. Most ducks had left for their nesting grounds during the warm first half of the month.Swallows arrived early and doubtless regretted it. The main hawk migration was just starting at the month's end.

Noteworthy Records

Loon x	April 1-F-	2	Niagara River,Erie Beach-Beardslee et al
Red-tho.Loon x	" 14-F-	1	Clarence Quarry - Mitchell et al
Double-cr. Cormorant x	" 18-F-	1	Fuhrmann Blvd - Bourne
American Egret x	" 19-F-	1	Dunkirk Harbor - Stanley
Green Heron x	" 22-F-	1	Batavia - Pixley
Least Bittern x	" 29-F-	1	Dunkirk Harbor - Stanley
White Pelican x	" 21	1	in Shore Acres Marsh near Rochester,found dead the next day. - Wilkin,rep. Meade
Mute Swan x	" 22-F-	1	Cassadaga Lake - Savage et al
Whistling Swan	Mar 21-31	32-16	Dunkirk Harbor - Stanley et al
	Apr 1	25	Niagara River - Beardslee et al
	" 3,7,14	2-1	Newstead Sinks - Mitchell et al
	" 12	2	Pt. Abino - Mosedale,rep. Mitcell
Canada Goose	" 7,14	2	Peace Bridge,Transit Sinks-Schaffner
	" 20	2000	Lyndonville - Smith
	" 28,29		O.O. - Ecklers
Gadwall	" 29	1	Irving - Mitchell et al
European Widgeon x	" 15-F-	1	Buck Pond near Rochester- Meade
Baldpate	Mar-Apr 28,1	1	Forest Lawn - Many members
Shoveller x	Apr. 3-F-	2	Newstead Sinks - Andrle et al
	" 29	2	Irving - " " "
Wood Duck	" 1	2	Lower Hampton Brook - Bourne

Wood Duck	Apr. 2	4	Sinking Ponds, Lincoln Pk-Webster, Andrle
Ring-necked Duck	" 3	35	Newstead Sinks - Andrle et al
	" 14	10	Transit Sinks - Mitchell et al
	" 22	2	S. Shore of Lake Erie-Mitchell et al
Barrow's Golden-eye x	" 1	1	Cranberry Pond near Braddock's Bay- Meade
Bufflehead	" 21,23	1	Forest Lawn - Mitchell et al
Ruddy Duck	" 3	1	Medina - Beardslee
	" 12	3	Dunkirk -Kourele's rep. Stanley
	" 29	1	Buffalo Harbor - Mitchell et al
White-wng Scoter	" 19-F-	5	Niagara River - Orcutt
	" 29	5	Buffalo Harbor - Mitchell et al
Hooded Merganser	" 3	8	Newstead Sinks - Andrle et al
	" 4,15,18	5	Lyndonville - Smith
	" 22	10	Niagara River - Andrle et al
	" 24	3	Dunkirk - Beardslee
Turkey Vulture	" 11,14	5	Lyndonville - Smith
	" 16	2	Chestnut Rdg. Park- -Mrs. Brettle, Mrs. Creigh
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 6	1	Dunkirk - Bourne
	" 29	81	S. Shore Lake Erie -Andrle et al
Browd-wnd Hawk x	" 12	1	Big Tree - Bourne
	" 14.15	2	Newstead Sinks - Schaffner et al
	" 22	1	Forest Lawn - Wagner et al
	" 23	1	North Buffalo - Andrle
	" 27,28	2	Lincoln Park - " " "
	" 29	30	Irving - " " "
Rough-lgd Hawk	" 1,10	2	Grand Island - Beardslee
	" 22	2	" " - Andrle et al
Bald Eagle	" 15	1	East Aurora - Wild
	" 22	1	Barcelona - Mitchell
	" 29	2	S. Shore of Lake Erie-Andrle et al
Osprey x	" 22 -F-	2	Grand Island - " " "
	" 24	1	Irving - Beardslee
	" 28,30	2	Burnt Ship Creek - Orcutt et al
	" 29	2	Irving - Andrle et al
Pigeon Hawk	" 29	2	" - " " "
Sora x	" 29-F-	1	Tift Street - Mitchell et al
Florida Gallinule x	" 28,29-F-		O.O. - Ecklers
Woodcock	Mar. 11-F-	1	Flight song, Eden - Creighton
Wilson's Snipe	" 15-F-	2	Jamestown -Rathbun rep. Stanley
	Apr. all mo.	1-2	N. Buffalo - Andrle
	" 9	2	Am Brass Co., Bflo - Beardslee
	" 14,15,16,	3	Transit Sinks, Hamburg-Mitchell et al, Boune
	" 28,29		O.O. - Ecklers
Upland Plover x	" 20	1	Tonawanda - Bourne
Spotted Sandp. x	" 19-F-	1	Canadaway Cr. - Stanley
Gtr. Yellow-legs	" 3,7,14,15	7-50	Transit and Newstead Sinks-Several member
Yellow-legs	" 15	2	Newstead Sinks - Andrle
	" 28	2	Beaver Is. Park - Schaffner
Glaucous Gull	" 9,10	2	Bird Is. & Fuhrmann Blvd.-Mitchell
	" 14	2	" " "
	" 15	1	Dunkirk - Stanley
	" 22-L-	1	Furhmann Blvd. - Savage et al
Bonaparte's Gull	Mar. 31	200	Dunkirk - Stanleys et al
Common Tern x	Apr. 18-F-	12	Niagara River - Mitchell
Caspian Tern x	" 23-29-F-	2	Dunkirk - Stanleys
	" 29	5	Irving - Andrle et al
Black-bld. Cuckoo x	" 30-F-	1	Zoar Valley - Brettles
Barn Owl	Jan. 26	1	Clarkson - Guelf
Barred Owl	Apr. 29	1	O.O. -Ecklers
	" 30	1	Zoar Valley - Brettles

Short-erd. Owl		Apr. 1	11	Grand Island	- Beardslee et al
		" 15	1	Lyndonville	- Smith
Whip-poor-will	x	" 27-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Wagner
Chimney Swift	x	" 26-F-	1	Protection	- Andrle
Pileated Woodpecker		" 30	1	Zoar Valley	- Brettles
Red-Bld. "	x	" 22	1	Reed Rd. Swamp,1st,time	-Meade
Bank Swallow	x	" 24-F-	6	Dunkirk Harbor	- Stanley
Rough-wng. Swallow	x	" 19-F-		Horseshoe Lake	- Pixley
Barn Swallow	x	" 14		Castile	- Thompson
		" 19	3	Woodlawn	- Bourne
Purple Martin	x	" 11	6	Bflo, Lyndonville	-Bourne,Smith
House Wren	x	" 20-F-	1	Niagara Falls	- Rogerson
Brown Thrasher	x	" 21	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell et al
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		" 20,27	2,2	Dunkirk Harbor	- Stanley
		" 21,24	1	Forest Lawn	-Mitchell et al
		" 29	3	Irving	- Andrle
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	x	" 6-F-	1	Como Park	- Mitchell
Cedar Waxwing		" 5	10	Lyndonville	- Smith
		" 29	6	Irving	- Mitchell et al
Pipit	x	Mar. 30-F-	8	Fredonia	- Stanleys et al
Migrant Shrike		Apr. 22	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	- Verrill
		" 26	1	Protection	- Andrle
Blue-headed Vireo	x	" 19-F-	1	North Buffalo	- "
Black &White Warbler	x	" 21-F-	2	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell et al
Yellow Warbler	x	" 25-F-	2	Inter Pk.,Jamestown	-Filor,Beal
Magnolia "	x	" 30-F-	4	Zoar Valley	- Brettles
Myrtle "	x	" 21-F-	14	Del.Pk.,&Forest Lawn	- Mitchell et al
Black-thr.Gr. "	x	" 29-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Schaffner
Blackburnian "	x	" 30-F-	2	Zoar Valley	- Brettles
Pine "	x	" 22-F-	1	Alden	- Webster
		" 24	2	Dunkirk, Forest Lawn	- Stanley,Andrle
Western Palm "	x	" 21-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell et al
Ovenbird	x	" 30-F-	1	Zoar Valley	- Brettles
Nort. Water Thrush	x	" 29-F-	1	O.O.	- Ecklers
Louis. " "	x	" 21-F-	3	Marshfield	- Andrle
		" 26	1	Varysburg	- Bourne
Baltimore Oriole	x	" 25-F-	1	North Buffalo	- Eschelman
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	" 12-F-	1	East Aurora	- Ulrichs
		" 29	1	Greiner Rd	- Wendling
Henslow's "	X	" 12	1	East Aurora	- Ulrichs
		" 14	1	Newstead	- Schaffner
White-cr. "	x	" 30-F-	1	Zoar Valley	- Brettles
White-thr. "	x	" 10	1	banded. Humboldt Pk	- Thorpe

Nesting Records

Wood Duck	Apr. 8-N3E		Lyndonville-Smith	
	" 22-N9E	,N7E ,N7E.	" - "	5 nests
	" 30-N4E		" - "	
Red-shd. Hawk	" 28,29	N	O.O. - Ecklers	
Kildeer	" 28	2Y O	Gr. Island- Schaffner	
Mourning Dove	" 23	N2Y	E. Aurora - Wild	
Robin	" 6	N4E	Lyndonville- Smith	
	" 9	N2E	Alden - Webster	
	" 21	N2Y	" - "	
Bluebird	" 22	N5E	" - "	

Number of species to March 31	--	111
New species for April	--	53
Total to April 30	--	164

In error two wood duck were omitted from the spring duck census list. Dr. Stanley reported these birds from the area around Fredonia.

Migration Route of the White-crowned Sparrow

The value of group census counts over a considerable area on a single day was well demonstrated by our Spring Census on May 13 of this year. The distribution of the White-crowned Sparrow on that day leads to some very interesting conclusions.

Let us analize the mumbers reported by various parties who covered our territory. Starting with the northern Lake Erie shore from Rockhouse Point to Port Colborne, Mitchell's party reported 66 White-crowns. Andrle's party ,working the territory from Port Cloborne east to Fort Erie,found 125. The southern half of Grand Island produced 90(Tilley). The Praemassing found 225 in the LaSalle (Buffalo) quarry. The Ulrichs reported 100 from the Indian Reservation district north of Akron. Verrill and I counted 200 plus ,finding them abundant around our homes and through the Clarence and Oak Orchard Swamp areas. Smith reported many at Lyndonville. Now let us examine the reports from territories north and south of this narrow belt from Rockhouse Point to Lyndonville,

The north half of Grand Island was represented by 3 White.crowns(Somerside) and"none" (Seeber) Rogerson reported two at Niagara Falls. Miss Thorpe's party reported 10 from Pekin and 10 from Wilson. Neither Wild nor Wander found any at East Aurora; the Winships reported none from Orchard Park;and the Creightons found none at Hamburg. The other territories reported: Zoar Valley 1(Brettles),Holland 6 (James) ,Jamestown 7 (Beal),Lake Shore to Silver Creek15 (Wright),and Dunkirk 24 (Stanley et al)

We find from the above reports a very definite pattern of migration. A minor route follows the southern shore of Lake Erie closely,with little penetration inland. The main route,however,apparently is from the Mississippi valley around the west end of Lake Erie,thence following the Lake's north shore to Fort Erie. The grouping is compact and crosses the Niagara River in a Narrow column which is no wider than the distaneefrom the Peace Bridge to the middle of Grand Island. On Sunday Buffalo and Kenmore swarmed with White-crowns,and the main concentration continued east-northeast toward the southern shore of Lake Ontario at Rochester. Mrs. Pixley reported only 8 from Batavia and Leroy,showing that the birds were not that far south. Guelf reported 2 in his yard in Brockport,and Meade only 16 in the Rochester area west of the Genesee River. Whether the birds at Oak Orchard represented the vanguard of the migration,or whether the route skirted south of Rochester is not apparent.

However,if our census trips never disclose another thing , their jsutification is certainly found in the case of the White-crowns migration route. The pattern is perfect ,and no other method could have given so clear a demonstration of the route these birds take in their spring migration.

Bird Notes

Rochester Bird Notes as reported by W.I.G Edson,for the week ending April 6,include-Red-thr. Loon,Barrow's Golden-eye,Ruddy Duck,Bald Eagle,Coot, Tree Swallow; Vesper,Savannah,Chipping,Fox and Swamp Sparrows. The following week - Turkey Vulture,Broad-wng. Hawk,Duck Hawk,Spotted Sandpiper,Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown Thrasher,Hermit Thrush,Ruby-crd. Kinglet,and White-thr. Sparrows were reported. For the week ending Apr. 20 -European Widgeon,Osprey,Bank, Rough-wng. and Barn Swallows and Purple Martin were observed. The following week White Pelican,Green Heron,Florida Gallinule,Upland Plover,Solitary Sandpiper,Cliff Swallow,Tufted Titmouse,Brown Thrasher,Myrtle Warbler,and a very early Baltimore Oriole were recorded. On Apr. 29 - 7 Caspian Terns were seen at Round Pond ,the largest number recorded at one time in the vicinity of Rochester. During that week also Shoveller, House Wren,Warbling Vireo,Black and White and Palm Warblers as well as Northern Water Thrush were seen.

New England Bird Notes for February indicate a diminutive in the numbers of birds of most species, accompanying the severe winter weather; as an example, only 1 Marsh Hawk was reported in all New England during the month. Notable exceptions were the Northern Shrike and Mockingbird, there being about a dozen records of the latter species. A Red-bellied Woodpecker at Swampscott was the sixth Mass. record, and the northernmost record from New England.

Regarding Horned Larks, the collecting of Hoyt's Horned Lark at Concord in March 1941 showed that the automatic identification of White-eyebrowed larks as Prairies is invalidated. It is thought that such birds not found on established breeding grounds and exhibiting territorialism or not found definitely to be nesting, are more likely to be one of the western races Hoyti or Enthymis. White-eyebrowed larks wintering here may well be labeled (subsp ?)

H.D.Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings--

Wednesday May 23d. Humboldt room Buffalo Museum of Science 8:00 P.M.
Topic- Results of the Spring Census--

Wednesday June 13th. At Pavillion at old fort. Ft. Erie, Ont.

Wednesday June 27th. At Beaver Island Park- Meet 6:00P.M. -Bring Supper

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The Month

In order to appreciate fully the effect of the weather during May 1945 on bird life, it is necessary to study it in the light of the two preceding months. Mean temperature for March, April, and May should be 31.3, 43.8, and 55.9 respectively. This year they were 44.4, 49.8, and 50.7. Of this 90 day period, the first 45 days were far above normal, the last 45 days consistently below normal, the transition thus taking place in mid-April. Thereafter, the accelerated migration slowed down quickly, and was still retarded as May arrived. During the first ten days of May, warblers were extremely hard to find, the woods being emptier than in any like period within the writer's memory. Thereafter, even though the weather still refused to moderate, the warblers could wait no longer, and moved through in goodly numbers, the earlier species being well represented on our census on the 13th. But it was not until the latter part of that week that the great wave took place. From the 16th to the 20th it was a tidal wave of warblers. They swarmed through the residential districts as never before, every tree seeming to be filled with singing birds. By the 21st the migration had tapered off, but there was still good birding until the end of the month.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy records will appear after the spring census report.

Spring Census May 13, 1945

Leader : Clark S.Beardslee

Territories:

A-Tonawanda Indian Reservation	-A. & E. Ulrich, M. Brown
B-Lincoln Park, Sheridan, Williamsville	-M.Wendling
C-Dunkirk, Fredonia, Bear Lake ,etc.	-Stanleys, Meroneys, Schober
D-Leroy	-Hazelton
E-Grand Island(North End), Niagara Falls	-Seeber
F-Delaware Pk., Forest Lawn, U.B.Quarry	-Madison, Lamy, Knight, Facklam, Rosa, Praemassings
G-East Aurora, Emery Park	-Wild, A. & H. Wander
H-Grand Island (south end)	-Tilley, King, Somerside
I-Orchard Park	-Winships
J-Zoar Valley	-Brettles
K-Youngstown, Wilson, Bond Lake	-Thorpe, Wolfling, Wightman.
L-Lake Shore to Irving, Versailles	-Wright
M-Brockport	-Guelf
N-Rochester ,west of Genesee	-Meade
O-Jamestown	-Beals

P -Batavia and vicinity
Q -Canadian Shore, west of Pt. Colborne

R -Canadian Shore to Pt. Colborne
S. Buffalo Harbor, Oak Orchard
T -Clarence Sinks, Oak Orchard
U -Lyndonville
V -Hamburg
W -Niagara Falls
X -Holland
Y -Two Mile Creek

Loon	33	
P.b.Grebe	19	
G.B.Heron	114	
Green Heron	28	
Night "	34	
Am.Bittern	32	
Least "	17	-I,S,C
Canada Goose	2	-S
Mallard	14	
Black Duck	32	
Baldpate	21	
Pintail	2	-Q
B.W.Teal	30	
Wood Duck	15	
Redhead	1	-E
Ring-necked Duck	1	-L
Lesser Scaup	213	
Bufflehead	14	-Q,R
Old Squaw	4	-E
W.W.Scoter	36	-K,R
Ruddy Duck	1	-T
Am. Merganser	4	-E,Q
R.B.Merganser	628	
Vulture	29	
Sharpshinner Hawk	30	
Cooper's "	9	
Red-tld. "	7	
Red-sh. "	4	-A,E
Broad-wng. "	1	-T
Rgh.-legged "	1	-T
Bald Eagle	3	-K,L
Marsh Hawk	28	
Osprey	3	-K,P,S
Pigeon Hawk	1	-E
Sparrow "	24	
Ruffed Grouse	4	-C.L.X
Pheasant	167	
Virginia Rail	11	
Sora	12	
Gallinule	21	
Coot	3	-C,S
Piping Plover	1	-Q
Semipalm. Plover	1	-L
Killdeer	123	
Woodcock	1	-R
Snipe	3	-C,O
Upland Plover	7	
Spotted Sandpiper	121	

-Pixley
-Mitchell, Eames, Schwenger, Hickman, Moore, Osgood, Webster, Lemming
-Andrle, Filor, Keim
-Savage, Wagner
- Beardslee, Verrill, Beadle
- Smith
- H.&J.Creighton, Bourne
- Rogerson
- James
-Gallager (fide Beardslee)

Solitary Sandpiper	20	
Gtr.Yellow-legs	16	
Yellow-legs	20	
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	-C,S
Least "	2	-T
Red-backed "	12	-Q,R
Semipalm. "	2	-S
Herring Gull	37	
Ring-billed Gull	192	
Bonaparte's Gull	406	
Common Tern	809	
Caspian "	1	-Q
Black Tern	61	
Mourning Dove	182	
B.B.Cuckoo	6	
Gt.Horned Owl	2	-H,R
Short-eared Owl	2	-E
Whip-poor-will	4	-C,F,Q
ChimneySwift	236	
Hummingbird	4	-F,O,Q
Kingfisher	51	
Flicker	203	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	-N
Red-bellied "	1	-D
Red-headed "	13	
Sapsucker	5	
Hairy Woodpecker	9	
Downy "	37	
Kingbird	33	
Crested Flycatcher	21	
Phoebe	58	
Yellow-b.Flycatcher	3	-A,W
Alder "	9	
Least "	83	
Wood Pewee	7	
P.Horned Lark	48	
Tree Swallow	354	
Bank "	349	
Rgh-w "	296	
Barn "	601	
Cliff "	23	
Purple Martin	244	
Blue Jay	27	
Crow	422	
Chickadee	70	
Tufted Titmouse	1	-K
W.B.Nuthatch	14	
R.B.Nuthatch	3	-E

Brown Creeper	6	
House Wren	127	
Winter Wren	2	-Q
Carolina Wren	1	-R
P.Marsh "	2	-E,T
S.B.Marsh "	1	-A
Catbird	93	-
Brown Thrasher	28	
Robin	1177	
Wood Thrush	71	
Hermit "	23	
Olive-b Thrush	14	
Gray-ch. "	2	-F,K
Veery	88	
Bluebird	79	
Gnatcatcher	6	-L,Q,R
G.C.Kinglet	3	-C,K,Q
R.C.Kinglet	381	
Cedar Waxwing	23	
Migrant Shrike	3	-K,L
Starling	1420	
Yellow-thr. Vireo	8	
Blue-hd. "	23	
Red-eyed "	10	
Phila. "	2	-L,V
Warbling "	11	
Black & White Warbler	117	
Golden-w "	11	
Blue-w "	1	-L
Brewster's "	1	-R
Tennessee "	8	
Orange-cr "	3	-A,R,T
Nashville "	90	
Parula "	8	
Yellow "	530	
Magnolia "	59	
Cape May "	36	
B.T.Blue "	47	
Myrtle "	333	
B.T.Green "	150	
Cerulean "	4	-H,P,Q

Blackburnian Warbler	61	
Chestnut-sided "	59	
Bay-breasted "	6	
Prairie "	1	-F,Seeber
W.Palm "	29	
Ovenbird	73	
N.Water-thrush	16	
Connecticut "	2	-W
Mourning "	4	
No. Yellowthroat	62	
Hooded "	1	-V
Canada "	10	
Redstart	102	
Eng. Sparrow	584	
Bobolink	393	
Meadowlark	293	
Red-wing	1359	
Yellow-hd Blackbird	1	-Y
Baltimore Oriole	133	
Rusty Blackbird	8	-C,N
Bronzed Grackle	318	
Cowbird	389	
Scarlet Tanager	11	
Cardinal	29	
R.B.Grosbeak	85	
Indigo Bunting	4	-A,J
Purple Finch	10	
Goldfinch	1000	
Towhee	118	
Savannah Sparrow	95	
Grasshopper "	40	
Henslow's "	20	
Vesper "	89	
Junco	31	
Chipping "	215	
Field "	120	
White-cr "	1005	
White-thr. "	591	
Lincoln's "	4	-A,R
Swamp "	68	
Song "	817	

Total 178 species, 20181 individuals , compared with 180 species,18,760 individuals May 21,1944.

The census was very satisfactory in view of the adverse weather conditions. Fog in the early morning and two long,hard rainstorms during the day interfered considerably with observations. Nevertheless several rarities were recorded,and they made up for the absence of species which might have been expected but which were not found. The census was more than usually affected by weather. This factor is discussed in " The Month " (see above). A study of the numerical representation of individual species will be found unusually interesting. I wish to thank all who participated in the census for their thorough and painstaking work.

C.S.Beardslee

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PLEASE SEND IN REPORTS OF OBSERVATIONS THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH FOLLOWING,OTHERWISE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE YOUR RECORDS IN THE PROTHONOTARY

Statisticians and Editor

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Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	May 27-L-	4	Bertie Bay,Ont.	-Seeber et al
Horned Grebe	" 30-L-	1	Pt. Colborne,Ont	-Wagner
Am. Egret	" 17	1	Freeman's Pond,Orchard Park	-Winships
Least Bittern	" 2	1	Dunkirk	-Stanley
	" 19,20	1	Wilson	-Brown,Ulrichs
	" 25	4	Dunkirk	-Stanley,Mitchell
	" 27,30	1,2	Sherkston,Ont. Tift St.	-Seeber ,Thorpe
Whistling Swan	" 22	1	O.O.	-Ecklers
	" 26-L-	1	Lyndonville	-Smith
Canada Goose	" 2,3	60,25	Medina,Lakeside	-Somerside
	" 17 & after	2	Castile	-Thompson
	" 18	8	O.O.	-Ecklers,Mitchell
Am. Brant x	" 27	4	Roch House Pt.,Ont	-Seeber,Thorpe et al
Gadwall	" 6	1,2	Irving, Beaver Is.	-Thorpe et al, Andrle
Baldpate	" 19-L-	2	Clarence Sinks	- Mitchell et al
Pintail	" 19-L-	2	" "	- " " "
Green-W.Teal	" 6-L-		O.O.	- Ecklers
Shoveller	" 5,6,8	1	O.O.	- " ,Pixley
	" 20-L-	2	Transit Sinks	-Savage
Redhead	" 20	1	Pt.Colborne,Ont	- Wright
Am.Golden -eye	" 20	2	" " "	"
Old Squaw	" 30-L-	1	Pt.Abino,Ont	-Mitchell et al
Ruddy Duck	" 4-L-	1	Dunkirk	- Beardslee
White-w. Scoter	" 27-L-	4	Ft. Erie,Ont	-Seeber et al
Hooded Merganser	" 20-L-	1	Rock House Pt.,Ont	- Wright
Am. Merganser	" 27-L	1	Pt. Abino,Ont	-Seeber et al
Red-br. Merganser	" 30	32	Can. Shore L. Erie	-Mitchell et al
Turkey Vulture	" 3	2	Alabama	-Somerside
	" 6	5	Irving	- Thorpe et al
	" 12	1	Lyndonville	- Smith
Sharp-sh.Hawk	" 19	435	L. Ontario at Wilson	- Brown,Ulrichs
Cooper's Hawk	" 19	31	" " " "	- " "
Red-sh. Hawk	" all mo.		O.O.	- Ecklers
	" 27	3	Pt. Abino,Ont	-Seeber et al
Broad-w. Hawk	" 19-L-	2	L. Ontario at Wilson	- Brown,Ulrich
Bald Eagle	" 2	1	O.O.	- Ecklers
	" 3	3	Lakeside	- Somerside
	" 19	1,1	O.O., Wilson	-Mitchell, Brown
	" 30	1	Versailles	-Thorpe et al
Osprey	" 3,5	1,2	Lyndonville	-Smith,Somerside
	" 6	1	Irving	-Thorpe et al
	" 11	1	O.O.	- Pixley
	" 17	1,1	Del. Pk.;2 Mi.Cr.	-Hickman,Beardslee
	" 19	2	Forest L.& Del.Pk.	- Mitchell ,Andrle et al
	" 19,20	3	L.Ontario at Wilson	-Brown ,Ulrich
Duck Hawk x	" 27	1	Pt.Colborne,Ont	Seeber et al
Pigeon Hawk	" 3	1	Horseshoe Lake	-Pixley
	" 5	1	Varysburg	-Bourne
	" 6,7	2	Bliss and Gr. Island	- Johnston
	" 9,12	1,1	Woodlawn, Dick Rd.	-Bourne,Filor
	" 19	1,5	Wyandale, Wilson	-Andrle, Brown,Ulrich
King Rail x	" 25	1	Mt. Morris	-Bourne
	" 25	1	Dunkirk	-Stanley
Semi-pal. Plover x	" 25	1	Windmill Pt.,Ont	-Wright
Ruddy Turnstone x	" 25-F-	10	" " "	- "
	" 27	9	Can. Shore L. Erie	-Seeber et al
	" 30	23	" " " ",2Irving	-Mitchell, Thorpe
	" 31	2	Beaver Is.	-Pause,Andrle

Hudsonian Curlew x	May	23-F-	1	Goat Is.	-Mitchell
	"	24	362	Pt- Abino,Ont	-Hickman
	"	25	85	Windmill Pt,Ont	- Wright
	"	25	13	Rose's Pt.,Ont	- Savage
	"	27	7,3	Pts Abino & Colborne,Ont	-Wagner,Seeber
Gtr.Yellow-legs	"	25-L-	5	Windmill Pt.,Ont	-Wright
Yellow-legs	"	19-L-	12	Clarence Sinks	-Mitchell et al
Solitary Sandpiper x	"	9-F-	2	Transit Rd. Sinks	-Savage
	"	12	5	" " "	-Filor
	"	30-L-	1	O.O.	-Ecklers
Pectoral " x	"	12-F-	1	Transit Sinks	-Filor
	"	27	1	Pt.Abino,Ont	-Wagner
Red-backed "	"	24	31	" " "	-Hickman
Eastern Dowitcher x	"	7-F-	1	Grand Is.	-Hohnston
Semipalm. Sandpiper x	"	9-F-	1	Transit Sinks	-Savage
Glaucous Gull	"	27	1 imm.	Pt.Abino,Ont	-Seeber,Thorpe et al
Forster's Tern x	"	6-F-	1	Niagara River	-Savage
Caspian Tern	"	6	1	Irving	-Thorpe et al
	"	25	2	Rose's Pt.,Ont	-Savage
	"	25	3	Pt.Abino,Ont	-Wright
Black Tern x	"	5-F-	2	Mt.Morris	-Bourne
	"	5	3	Ft. Erie ,Ont	-Wright
Screech Owl	"	6	2 (Ad. & Y)	Delaware Pk.	-Mitchell
Barred Owl	"	all mo.		O.O.	-Ecklers
Nighthawk x	"	18-F-	3	Buffalo	-Filor
Chimney Swift	"	5	100	Ft.Erie,Ont	-Wright
Pileated Woodpecker	"	6	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	-Bourne
	"	25	1	Conewango	-Beardslee
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	18-L-	1	Humboldt Pkwy	-Thorpe
Kingbird x	"	12-F-	1,1	Castile,Lyndonville	-Thompson,Smith
Crested Flycatcher x	"	10-F-	1	Lyndonville	-Smith
Acadian " x	"	20-F-	1	O.O.	-Ecklers,Savage
	"	26	1	Forest Lawn	-Schwenger,Mitchell
	"	30	1	" "	-Wright
Least " x	"	5-F-	1	Delaware Pk.	-Mitch ll et al
Olive-s " x	"	17-F-	2	Forest Lawn	-Andrle
	"	20,27	1,1	Jamestown, Chest, R.Pk.	-Beal , Bourne
	"	30-L-	1,1	Versailles,Pt.Abino	-Thorpe,Hickman
Tufted Titmouse	"	19	1	Winspear Ave,Bflo	-Geyer,rep Seeber
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	27	1	Hamburg	-Bourne
Brown Creeper	"	20	1	Rock House Pt.,Ont	-Wright
Winter Wren	"	17-L-	1	Forest Lawn	-Andrle
Carolina Wren x	"	8	Singing	Main St. entrance	F.Lawn-Mitchell,Savage et al
Short-b. Marsh Wren x	"	19	2	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
Mockingbird x	"	27	1	Pt.Colborne,Ont	-Seeber,Thorpe et al
Catbird x	"	5-F-		Collins	-Tilleys
Wood Thrush x	"	6-F-	1,1	Eden, Idlewood	-Carmody rep Mitchell,Thorpe
Hermit Thrush	"	27-L-	1	Morgan's Pt.	-Seeber et al
Olive-b Thrush x	"	8-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- Mitchell et a l
Gray-c. Thrush x	"	19-30		Many records	
Veery x	"	8-F-	1,4	O.O.,Forest Lawn	-Pixley,Mitchell,Wrig
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	5	1	Forest Lawn	-Andrle
	"	6	1	" "	-Mitchell
	"	20	1	Pt-Abino,Ont	-Wright
	"	30	2	Irving	- Thorpe ,Andrle et al
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	17- L	2	Orchard Park	-Winships
Ruby-cr. "	"	19,20-L-	7	Wilson	-Brown,Ulrichs
Pipit	"	20	5	Grand Is.	-Brown,Ulrichs
Migrant Shrike	"	27	1	Hamburg	-Bourne
Yellow-thr.Vireo x	"	12-F-	1	Batavia	-Pixley
Blue-h. Vireo	"	26-L-	1	Forest Lawn	-Filor

Red-eyed Vireo	x		May	8-F-	1 Lincoln Park	-Wagner
Philadelphia Vireo	x		"	18	1 Leroy	-Pixley
			"	26	1 Forest Lawn	-Andrle
			"	30	1,1 Hampton Br., Pt.Abino	-Bourne,Mitchell et al
Warbling Vireo	x		"	6-F-	1 Hamburg	- "
Prothonotary Warbler			"	20-F-	0.0.	-Ecklers
Golden-w	"	x	"	17,21	1,10.0.	Pixley,Ecklers
			"	27	10 Versailles	-Wright
			"	30	5 "	-Thorpe et al
Brewster's	"		"	27	2 "	-Wright
Blue-w	"	x	"	27	10 "	- "
			"	30	5 "	-Thorpe
Orange-cr.	"		"	19	3 Forest Lawn	-Andrle,Filor
Nashville	"	x	"	2-F-	1 " "	-Schaffner
Parula	"	x	"	10-F-	1 Hamburg	-Bourne
Cape May	"	x	"	8-F-	1,1F. Lawn, Leroy	-Mitchell et al ,Pixley
Black-thr.Blue	"	x	"	6-F-	1 Little Genesee	-Simmons
Myrtle	"		"	20-L-	0.0.	-Ecklers
Black-thr.Green	"		Apr	28-F-	1 Forest Lawn	-Facklam
Cerulean	"	x	May	7 -F-	1 0.0.	-Ecklers
Chestnut-s	"	x	"	11 F	Goat Is.	-Orcutt
Bay-br	"	x	"	12 F	South Pk.Bflo	-Wright
Blackpoll	"	x	"	18 F	1 Williamsville	- Prof.Alexander
Pine	"		"	6	1 East Aurora	-Wild
			"	8	1 Delaware Pk	-Savage
Prairie	"	x	"	19	1 Wilson	-Brown ,Ulrich
			"	19,20	1 North Bflo	-Andrle
			"	20	1 Pt.Abino,Ont ,Morgans Pt.,Ont	-Schaffner,Wright
W.Palm	"		"	19 L	3,4 F.Lawn, Del Park	-Andrle ,Mitchell
Louisiana W. Thrush			"	18	1 Horseshoe Lake	-Pixley
			"	19	1,1 F.Lawn,Wilson	- Filor, Brown,Ulric
Connecticut Warbler		x	"	23	1 " "	-Mitchell
N.Yellow-thr		x	"	7 F	0.0.	-Ecklers
Yellow-br.Chat		x	"	20	1 Jamestown	-Beal
Wilson's Warbler		x	"	18 F	Batavia	-Pixley
Redstart		x	"	7 F	1 0.0.	-Ecklers
Bobolink		x	"	4 F	7 Alden	-Webster
Orchard Oriole		x	"	14 F	1 Hamburg	-Bourne
			"	20	1 Rock House Pt.,Ont	-Wright
			"	27	1 Long Beach,Ont	-Seeber et al
Scarlet Tanager		x	"	8 F	1 Forest Lawn	- "
Rose-br Grosbeak		x	"	6 F	1 Little Genesee	-Simmons
Junco			"	19	1 Forest Lawn	-Andrle
Lincoln's Sparrow		x	"	17,18,19	1,1,2 " "	-Beardslee,Schaffner

Total no. of species to Apr 30.--164** New for May 68** Total to May 31 -232

Future Events ** Sunday- Aug. 12 -Canadian Shore Trip. Meet at Peace Bridge at 7:30 A.M. Leader :E.C.Ulrich

Rochester Bird Notes.- as reported by W.L.G.Edson,in the week ending May 11,include red-thr Loon,Rough-l.Hawk,Black Tern,Catbird,Wood Thrush,Olive-b. Thrush,Yellow-thr. and Blue-headed Vireos,8 species of Warblers,Bobolink,Scarlet Tanager and White-cr. Sparrow. The following week new arrivals were Virginia and Sora Rails, Semi.p.Sand-piper,Whip-poor-will,Chimney Swift,Kingbird,Crested & Least Flycatchers,Long-b.Marsh Wren,Gray-ch. Thrush,Veery,Red-eyed & Philadelphia Vireos,22 species of warblers and Rose-br.Grosbeak. The height of migration occured the week ending May 25th. when 135 species were recorded including 5 species of vireos and 27 species of warblers. Also D-cr.Cormorant,Least Sandpiper,Yellow-bl. Cuckoo,Hummingbird, Yellow-b.&Alder Flycatchers,Wood Pewee,Lincoln's Sp.,and a late Rusty blackbird record.During the last of May- Least Bittern,Baldpate,Pintail,Gr. Scaup,Osprey,Red-bk.Sandpiper,Caspian Tern Acadian & Olive-sd. Flycatcher,Ruby-cr.Kinglet,and Orange-cr.Warbler were among the noteworthy records.

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The Month

The first six days of June were very cool,averaging fifteen degrees below normal. Record low temperatures were established on the first, fourth,and sixth. The ow of 35 degrees on the first was the coldest ever recorded in Buffalo in June. The severity of the entire period will be realized when we compare the lowest temperature previously recorded(39 on June 5,1891) with the lows for the first seven days viz., 35,41,41,40,42,41,42. During the entire week a good many May transients were still in evidence. Not only were warblers present in considerable variety,but other families as well, and in particular the thrushes. The remainder of the month was much warmer, with a high of 93 on the 30th. Precipitation was slightly less than normal for June.

Noteworthy Records

Am. Egret	June 13	1 East river,Grand Is	-Seeber
Least Bittern	" 22	1 Woodlawn	-Bourne
Lss. Scaups	" 9--27	1-6Fuhrmann Blvd.	- "
Woodcock	" 8	1 Colvin Ave.	-Beardslee
	" 24	2 Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Yellow Legs	" 4	1 Scranton,N.Y.	- "
Bonaparte's Gull	" 7	several 100-Goat Is.	- "
Screech Owl	" 8,15,16	1 Univ.Bflo	-Wagner et al
Long-eared Owl	" 10	1 HamburgFair Grounds	-Bourne
Whip-poor-will	" 17	1 Lower Hampton Brook	-Bourne
Mellow-b Flycatcher	" 1,7	1,1 Forest Lawn	-Beardslee
	" 8-L-	2 Lincoln Park	-Andrle
Acadian "	" 3	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	-Bourne
Carolina Wren	" 10	1 in yard Hamburg	- "
Olive-b Thrush	" 3	45 Forest Lawn	-Filor
	" 4,7	5,3 " "	-Beardslee
	" 8,9	1,1Lincoln Park	-Andrle,Filor
Gray-ch. Thrush	" 3 -	2 Forest Lawn	-Filor
	" 1,4 -L	1,3 " "	-Beardslee
Golden-wg.Warbler	" 16 -	10 Tonawanda Ind.Res.	Andrle et al
Tennessee "	" 3 -L-	1,1 Cheatnut Rd. Pk.,F.Lawn	-Bourne,Filor
Magnolia "	" 4	4 Forest Lawn	-Beardslee
Blackburnian "	" 1,2	1,1 " "	- " ,Seeber
	" 9 -L-	1 Lincoln Pk	-Andrle,Filor
Blackpoll "	" 1,4 -L-	1,1 Forest Lawn	-Beardslee
	" 3	12 " "	-Filor
	" 9 -L-	2,1 Chest. Rdg.Pk.,Lincoln Pk.	-Bourne,Andrle

Bay-br. Warbler	June 9 -L-		Forest Lawn	-Filor
Overbird	" 4	1	N. Buffalo	-Andrle
Mourning Warbler	" 4	1	Forest Lawn	-Beardslee
	"16	5	Tonawanda Ind. Res.	-Andrle et al
	" 19	1	Silver Cr.	-Beardslee
	" 24	1	Chestnut Rdg. Pk	-Bourne
Wilson's "	" 1	1	Forest Lawn	-Beardslee
	" 3 -L-	3	" "	-Filor
Canada "	" 1,2	1,1	" "	-Beardslee,Seeber
Orcharr Oriole	" 13	2	Fort Erie,Ont.	- " "
	" 23	1	" " "	-Mitchell

No. of species to May 31	--	233
New for June	--	0
Total to June 30	--	233

Nesting Records for May and June

Data between two #		#	concern one nest		
Great Blue Heron	May 24		Yn	O.O.	-Ecklers
Am. Bittern	" 13		N1E	Bear Lake	-Stanley
Blue-w. Teal	" 19		N10E	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	June 12		N14E	O.O.	-Ecklers
Wood Duck	May 13		N10E,N15E,N7E,N9E	-Lyndonville	-Smith
	June 7		Ad. with 10Y,7Y	- "	- "
				"	- "
Red-t. Hawk	May 4		Ny		-Ecklers
Red-sh. Hawk	April 29	#	N2E	O.O.	- "
	May 1,2		N2E	O.O.	- "
	" 24		N2E	O.O.	- "
	June 8	#	nest empty	O.O.	-Bourne
Virginia Rail	May 25		9YO	Mt.Morris	-Tilleys
Kildeer	" 5		3YO	Collins	-Mitchell
	" 8	#	N2E	Forest Lawn	-Andrle
	" 26	#	1YO	" "	-Stanley et al
	" 13		N4E	Pt.Gratiot,Dunkirk	-Smith
	" 13		"	Lyndonville	-Beardslee
	" 13		4YO	O.O.	-Webster
Woodcock	" 7		N4E	Alden	-Bourne
Spotted Sandp-	June 7		"	Goat Is.	-Smith
	" 26		N4E hatching-Lyndonville		
	" 26		2 other broods of 4Y each-Lyndonville-Smith		
Mourning Dove	May 5		N2Y	O.O.	-Ecklers
	" 23	#	N2E	O.O.	- "
	" 25		N3E	O.O.	- "
	" 28	#	Nest deserted	O.O.	- "
	" 30		N2E	O.O.	- "
	" 31	#	N2E	O.O.	- "
	June 5		N2Y	O.O.	- "
	" 13	#	2YO	O.O.	- "
	" 7		N1E	O.O.	- "
	" 12		N1E,1Y	O.O.	- "
Black-b.Cuckoo	" 12	#	N3E	O.O.	- "
	" 18		N2E	O.O.	- "
	" 20	#	1Y	O.O.	- "
Flicker	May 2	#	N6E	O.O.	- "
	" 19		4Yn	O.O.	- "
	June 2,3	#	4Yo	O.O.	- "
Hairy Woodpecker	" 17		4Yo	Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Kingbird	" 4		N1E	O.O.	- Ecklers
	" 13		N4E	O.O.	- "

Crested Flycatcher	June	4	# N2E	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	12	N5E	0.0.	- "
	"	16	N intact	0.0.	- "
	"	23	# N torn E gone	0.0.	- "
	"	21	N	Lyndonville	-Smith
	"	30	N	Lotus Bay	-Mitchell
Phoebe	May	5	N4E	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	5	#N3E	0.0.	- "
	"	8	N5E	0.0.	- "
	"	26	#N deserted	0.0.	- "
Alder Flycatcher	June	24	N4E	Lyndonville	-Smith
Pr. H. Lark	May	13	N4E	"	- "
Tree Swallow	"	27	#N	0.0.	-Ecklers
	June	2	N5E	0.0.	- "
	"	4	N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	19	# hatched	0.0.	- "
Barn Swallow	May	20	# N started	0.0.	- "
	June	3	N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	19	# N4Y	0.0.	- "
Cliff Swallow	May	30	N	Gowanda	-Thorpe et al
House Wren	June	13	N5E	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	13	2N & Yn	Lotus Bay	-Mitchell
Catbird	May	27	# N vompleted	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	30	N3E,1cowbird's E	0.0.	- "
	"	31	N4E " " gone	0.0.	- "
	June	13	N4Y	0.0.	- "
	"	23	# 3Yo	0.0.	- "
	"	4	# N2E	0.0.	- "
	"	6	N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	12	# N3E	0.0.	- "
Veery	"	4	N4E	0.0.	- "
Bluebird	May	18	# N2E	0.0.	- "
	"	19	N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	20	N5E	0.0.	- "
	June	2	N5Y	0.0.	- "
	"	19	# 5Yo	0.0.	- "
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	9	# N5E	Lincoln Pk	-Andrle
	"	12	N5E	" "	- "
	"	17	N4E	" "	- "
	"	23	# N5Y just hatched	" "	- "
Red-eyed Vireo	"	8	# building	" "	- "
	"	12	N2E	" "	- "
	"	23	N4E	" "	- "
Yellow Warbler	May	30	N1E	Irving	-Thorpe
	"	25	3N	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	30	N2E	0.0.	- "
	June	4	# N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	8	N4E -1 Cowbird!s.E		- "
	"	23	N4Y	0.0.	- "
	"	26	# N empty	0.0.	- "
Redstart	May	26	2N complete	0.0.	- "
	"	8	2N building	0.0.	- "
	June	10	# N4E	0.0.	- "
	"	18	# N4Y	0.0.	- "
	May	26	# Ncomplete	0.0.	- "
	"	28	N2E	0.0.	- "
	June	3	# N destroyed	0.0.	- "
Redwing	May	13	N4E	Lyndonville	-Smith
	June	5	N4E	0.0.	-Ecklers
	"	7	N2E	0.0.	- "

Orchard Oriole	June 13	N	Ft.Erie,Ont.	-Beardslee,Seeber
Balt. "	" 30	2N &Yn	Lotus Bay,Ont.	-Mitchell
Br.Grackle	May 13	2N & E	Lyndonville	-Smith
Purple Finch	" 18 #	N3E	O.O.	-Ecklers
	" 20,21	N4E	O.O.	- "
	June 2	N4Yn	O.O.	- "
	" 17 #	4Yo	O.O.	- "
	" 10,15	N5Y	U. of Bflo.Campus	-Wagner et al
Towhee	May 30	N4E	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Savannah Sp.	" 27	N4E	Rock House Pt.,Ont	- " " "
Swamp Sp.	" 25 #	N4E	O.O.	-Ecklers
	" 30 #	N destroyed	O.O.	- "
Song Sp.	June 12	N2E	O.O.	- "

The following are out of order.

Louis. Water Thrush	May 30	N5E	Versailles	-Thorpe et al
N. Water Thrush	" 25	N3E	O.O.	-Ecklers
	" 30	eggs gone	O.O.	- "

Rochester Bird Notes as reported by W.L.G.Edson,for the first week in June, include Baldpate,Greater Yellowlegs(late),Least Sandpiper,Olive-backed Thrush,Golden-crowned Kinglet (extraordinary late migrant) and Long-eared Owl. The latter was attacked near Buck Pond by two Great Blue Herons,which drove it away from its daylight perch. During the following week Lesser Scaup Duck and Tennessee Warbler ,an unusually late record, were seen. A pair of Sapsuckers were observed in Powder Mill Park and may be nesting there,although this is not in the Canadian Life Zone where they have been found nesting in Western New York. Later in June Black Tern and Whip-poor-will were reported.

New England Bird Notes for March show that the warmest March in the history of the weather bureau had a notable effect on bird migration. However it was noteworthy that Redwing,Rusty Blackbird,and Fox Sparrow were not ahead of schedule,while the Grackle was somewhat later than average in arrival. The fresh water duck flight was poor,but the costal flight of Geese was up to normal. Among the species notably early were Pied-b Grebe,Am.Bittern,Fla. Gallinule,Killdeer,Wilson's Snipe,Greater Yellowlegs, Mourning Dove,Chimney Swift (3 on Mar. 29,at Wethersfield,Conn., unprecedented),Flicker,Yellow-b. Sapsucker,Phoebe,Tree Swallow,Barn Swallow (Mar.31 Martha's Vineyard) Robin,Hermit Thrush,Bluebird,Ruby-cr. Kinglet, Oine Warbler,Yellow Palm Warbler, La. Water Thrush,Meadowlark,Cowbird,Rose-br. Grosbeak(Mar. 29 Collinsville),Purple Finch,Savannah Sp.,Vesper,Chipping,Field,and Swamp Sparrows. Many of the above were earliest records for various localities. Among the rarities were Barrow's Golden-eye, King Eider, Kumnlien's Gull,Black-headed Gull (At Newburyport as usual),Thayer's (?) Gull,Black Skimmer (Block,Is.R.I. probably a survivor from last fall's hurrica ne), Raven(at Brookline) and Long-tailed Chat (found dead in snow at Cambridge Mar.3, tentatively so identified by Griscom. Seen previously in Dec. and Jan near where found dead.

H.D.Mitchell

DON'T FORGET THE CANADIAN SHORE TRIP-MEET AT PEACE BRIDGE AT 7:30 A.M.-Sunday,Aug.12

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The month of July was almost exactly normal in temperature. A low of 43 degrees on the eleventh broke all records for July, but continuously hot weather after the sixteenth, with high of at least 80 degrees every day and 90 or over on three days, canceled out the cold first half of the month. Precipitation was an inch greater than normal, resulting in a continuation of high water in the lakes. The nprth shore of Lake Erie lacked its usual exposed rocky shores and beaches, and shore bird concentrations were restricted to a very few of our old locations.

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	June 14	1 spr. pl. Long Beach, Ont.,	-Thorpe
Am. Egret	July 1	1 at herony Grand Is.	-Seeber
	" 6	" " " " "	-Filor, Keim
Least Bittern	" 14	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
	" 30	1 Oak Orchard	-Ecklers
Redhead	June 9-12	1 female-Long Beach, Ont.	-Thorpe
Lsr. Scaup Duck	July 6	2 Nia. Gorge	-Mitchell et al
Old Squaw	" 6	3 " "	- " " "
White-w. Scoter	" 6	1 " "	- " " "
Hd. Merganser	" 28	1 Forest Lawn	- "
Am. "	" 16	3 Ft. Erie, Ont.	-Praemassings
Bald Eagle	" 21	1 Near Dunkirk	-Stanley
Osprey	" 29	2 carrying fish inland-Evans	-Thorpe
Coot	" 14	1 Dunkirk	-Stanley
Semipalmated Plover	"2 22	1 Pleasant Beach, Ont.	-Thorpe et al
Ruddy Turnstone	" 11	2 Long Beach, Ont	- "
	" 29	3 Can. Shore	-Praemessings, Rosa
	" 29	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Greater Yellow-legs	" 25	2 Goat Island	-Bourne
Solitary Sandpiper	" 29	1 O.O.	-Ecklers
Yellow-legs	" 22	11 Can. Shore L. Erie	-Thoppe et al
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 22	6 Pleasant Beach	- " " "
	" 29	2 Can. Shore L. Erie	-Mitchell et al.
	" 29	6 " " to Crescent Beach	-Praemassings, Rosa

Least Sandpiper	July 22	12 Can. Shore L. Erie	-Thorpe et al
Dowitcher	" 26	1 N.Tonawanda	-Mitchell
Stilt Sandpiper	" 29	1 Morgan's Pt.,Ont	- " et al
Semipalmated Sandpiper	June 9	6 Long Beach,Ont.	-Thorpe
	July 22	30 Can. Shore	- " " "
Western "	" 22 -F-	1 Crystal Beach	-Mitchell
Sanderling	" 22 -F-	1 Crescent Beach	-Thorpe et al
Caspian Tern	" 9	1 Bird Is.	-Seeber
Black Tern	" 19	4 Goat Is.	-Bourne
Screech Owl	June 9-16	1 Long Beach,Ont	-Thorpe
	July 22,23	1 Hamburg	-Bourne
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	" 26	1 Castile	-Mitchell
Short-b. Marsh Wren	" 4	2 -new location-Orchard Pk.	-Bourne
	" 22	1 Near Pleasant Beach,Ont.	-Thorpe
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	" 5	1 Lincoln Park	-Bourne
	" 10	2 " "	-Andrle
Gloden-wg.Warbler	" 16	1 singing,Big Tree,N.Y.	-Bourne
N. Water Thrush	" 29	1 -F-Erie Beach,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Pine Warbler	" 26	1 Letchworth Pk	- "

Total number species to June 30 - 235
New for July - 2
Total to July 31 - 237

Note - List as in June Prothonotary totaled -234 but Yellow-headed Blackbird was ommited.

Nesting Records carried on from June Prothonotary

Blue-w. Teal	July 28	4Yo O.O.	-Ecklers
Florida Gallinule	" 18	5Yn Sinking Ponds	-Webster
Hummingbird	# " 17	1Yn Fredonia	-Stanley
	# " 21	1Yo "	- "
	" 23,24	2Yo N. Boston	-rep.Wendling
Flicker	" 16	2Yo Nia.Falls,Ont.	-Praemassings
	" 21	3Yo N. Buffalo	-Andrle
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 14	3Yo Fredonia	-Stanley
	" 15	Yn Clarence Center	-Wendling
	" 17	3Yo Fredonia	-Stanley
Crested Flycatcher	" 4	N.Eden	-C.Baird,rep.Mitchel
Bluebird	" 12	3 Yn Alden	-Webster
#	" 22	N4E "	- "
#	" 28	N3Y "	- "
Baltimore Oriole	" 5	2Yo Harris Hill	-Wendling
Goldfinch	" 8	1 Y cowbird o Wanakah	-Praemassings
Chipping Sp.	" 12	N4E Arkwright,N .Y.	-Thorpe
	" 22	feeding Yn Wanakah	-Praemassings

Reports from Rochester as recorded by W.L.G.Edson,include -Least Bittern,Woodcock, Black Tern and Purple Finch. The first south bound shore bird migrant was Sanderling,noted during the week ending July 20,when Black and White Warbler and Northern and Louisiana Water Thrush were also reported. The following week Lesser Scaup duck was recorded and the final week's records included Horned Grebe,Lesser Yellowlegs,Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers,and Caspian Tern.

We noted in the Buffalo Evening News an item from Lewellen,Neb.,dated Aug.23, stating that "migratory gulls are removing a grasshopper menace which threatens a large part of Garden County crops in the Nebraska Panhandle. The gulls have settled near Kingsley Dam. Every morning they fly up the Platte and attack the insect

in some cases clearing entire fields within Minutes"-

Francis H. Orcutt writes that while on his wedding trip near Sandy Pond, he noted a Little Gull on May 29, 1945. He photographed nests of Common Terns, and observed Red-backed Sandpipers, Sanderlings, Cormorants, Piping Plovers and Bald Eagle in the same locality.

Future Events

Meetings

Wed. Sept.12- 8 P.M. Humboldt Room - Buffalo Museum of Science

Wed. Sept.26- 8 P.M. Humboldt Room - Buffalo Museum of Science

Topic- Round Table discussion " How to control birds around Gardens and Truck farms."

Trips Sept. 29 & 30--Week end trip to Presque Isle Saturday and to Pymatuming late Sat. and Sun. Leave Buffalo 8:30 A.M. City Hall. Take lunch- Make reservations at Travelers Hotel, Linesville, Pa. Call H.D.Mitchell Un. 8532 for further information. This will be the first meeting of the pymatuming group since gas rationing forced their postponment, and will be an opportunity for many of us to renew previous acquaintance ships.

Saturday morning trips during Sept. and Oct. -- Delaware Pk. Meet near Rumsey Rd.& Winsor Ave., entrance 7:30 A.M.

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Mean temperature for August was 70.0 degrees, compared with normal of 68.4 degrees. It is probable, however, that the month was actually no warmer than the average August, the difference being attributable to the change in location of the weather bureau, which was the subject of coment in a previous column. Precipitation was only 1.18 inches, compared with normal of 3.08 inches. The nights were not cool enough to lead the warblers to hurry southward until the night of the 26-27, when a low of 47 was recorded. Consequently the warblers migration was very sketchy until the last week of the month. The low precipitation resulted in the gra dual lowering pf the water line along the lake shore, in consequent improvement in shore bird records.

C.S.B.

Noteworthy Records

Am. Egret	Aug. 1	1	Thorn thicket, Grand Is.	-Middlesworth, James
	" 12	1	Sheridan Drive Ext.	-Gamble rep. Andrle
	" ?	Several	L. Ontario-N. of Brockport	-Guelf
Least Bittern	" 26	1,1	Fredonia, Sherkston, Ont.	-Stanley-Andrle
	" 27	1	Sherkston, Ont.	-Filor
Pintail	" 3	8	O.O.	-Mitchell, Andrle
	" 19	1	Rock House Pt, Ont.	- " , Savage
Green-w Teal	" 19-F-	3	" " " "	- " "
Lesser Scaup Duck	" 11	2	Nia. Falls	-Filor
Hooded Merganser	" all mo.	1-2	Forest Lawn	-Several members
Red-br. Merganser	" 15,19	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	-Thorpe et al
Bald Eagle	" 18	2 ad.	Dunkirk	-Stanley
	" 30	1 imm.	Grand Is.	-Bourne
Piping Plover	" 18,19	1	Elgo Beach, Ont	-Thorpe
Black.b. Plover	" 5-F-	3	Canadian Shore	-Andrle et al
	" 19	29	Rock House Pt. Ont.,	-Mitchell, Savage
Upland Plover	" 29-L-	1	Cheektowaga	-Filor
Solitary Sandpiper	" 18,27,31	1-3	Forest Lawn	-Mitchell, Andrle
Greater Yellowlegs	" 12	5	Canadian Shore	-Ulrichs et al
White-rumped Sandp.	" 30-F-	1	Ft. Sheridan Drive	-Bourne
Bairds Sandp-	" 12-F-	3	Camelot Beach, Ont	-Andrle, Filor
	" 15	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	-Thorpe et al
	" 27	1	Sherkston, Ont.	-Filor

Baird's Sandpiper	Aug 29	1	Wildewood B. ,Ont	-Andrle
	" 31	3	Bird Is. Pier	-Filor et al
Stilt "	" 5	3	Yacht H. & Rose's Pt.,Ont.	-Andrle et al
	" 8	3	" " " Crystal B. "	-filor et al
	" 12	6	Can. Shore L.Erie	-Ulrich et al
	" 15	4	" " " "	-Thorpe et al
	" 19	6	" " " "	-Several observers
Semipalmated "	" 5	750	" " " "	-Andrle et al
Western "	" 25	1	Pt. Colborne,Ont.	-Mitchell
Grt.B-backed Gull	" 5	2	Can .Shore L. Erie	-Andrle et al
	" 23	1	Nia. Falls	-Bourne
Forster's Tern	" 21-F-	2	Athol Springs	- "
Caspian "	" 29	1	Fuhrmann Dr.	-Beardslee
Black "	" 24	1500	Niagara River	-Mitchell
Barn Owl	" 1	2	e. of Fredonia	-Stanley
Yellow-b Sapsucker	" 5	1	So. Wales	-Bourne
" " Flycatcher	" 19-F-	2	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	-Savage,Mitchell
	" 24-30		Niagara Falls	-Rogerson
Least "	" 8,29&30		" "	- "
Bank Swallow	" 24	1000	Can. Shore L. Erie	-Mitchell
Cliff "	" 23-L-	4	Allegany St. Pk.	-Johnston
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 27-F-	1	Pt.Abino,Ont.	- Filor
Brown Creeper	" 3&5	1	Niagara Falls	-Rogerson
Olive-b Thrush	" 16-F-	1	Forest Lawn	-Mitchell
Veery	" 30	1	Niagara Falls	-Rogerson
Blue-g.Gnatcatcher	" 27	1	Pt.Abino,Ont.	-Filor
Migrant Shrike	" 10	1	Athol Springs	-Bourne
Black &White Warbler	" 4-F-	1	Forest Lawn	-Mitchell
	" 9	1	Nia.Falls	-Rogerson
Nashville "	" 23-F-	1	Del.Park	-Filor
Magnolia "	" 29-F-	1	Nia.Falls	-Rogerson
Bla-thr.Blue "	" 29-F-	1	Clarence	-Filor
Cerulean "	" 19	2	Morgan's Pt.,Ont	-Savage,Mitchell
Blackburnian "	" 19-F-	1	" " "	- " "
Chestnut-sided "	" 4-F-	1	Forest Lawn	- "
Bay-brst. "	" 23-F-	1	Delaware Pk.	-Filor
Wilson's Warbler "	" 27-F-	1	Sherkston,Ont	- "
Canadian "	" 30-F-	1	Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Orchard Oriole	" 15	4	Pt.Colborne & Rock House Pt.	-Thorpe et al
	" 24-L-	1	Long Beach,Ont.	-Mitchell
Baltimore "	" 22	30	Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Purple Finch	" 5-14		Lorraine ,Ont.	Epes
	"9,18		Harris Hill	-Wendling
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	" 31	1	Sub.Sp.? Bird Is. Pier	-Filor

Total to July 31 - 237
New for Aug. - 4
Total to Aug. 31 241 H.D.M.

Additional Nesting Records

Barn Owl	Aug. 1	4Y.O. in silo -11 mi. E. of Fredonia	-Stanley
Ruby -tr.Hummingbird	" 5-12	N2E Crystal Beach,ont.	-Andrle et al
	" 19	N2Y " " "	-Filor,
Goldfinch	" 3	N5E Lyndonville	-W.A.Smith
Field Sparrow	" 9	N4Y Harris Hill	-Wendling
	" 11	Had flown Harris Hill	- "

Notes

Reports from Rochester ,as recorded by W.L.G.Edson for the week ending Aug.10 include semipalmated plover,least and semipalmated sandpiper and sanderling as shore bird migrants.Wood ducks are firmly established as nesting birds in Mendon Ponds Pk. The following week wilson's snipe,solitary sandpiper and migrant shrike were noted. For the week ending Aug. 24 ,caspian tern,red-br. nuthatch,and pine warbler were recorded.

Reports from New England for May, which started as a cool rainy month,denote a spotty migration. There were record breaking costal flights of Brant,shorebirds,Laughing gulls,Olive-sd.Flycatchers,Cliff Swallows,Martins,Grey-ch. & Olive-bk. Thrushes,and White-cr. &Lincolon's Sparrows. Thescale of migration about May 20,when 14 observers in Essex Co. recorded a total of 160 varieties,corresponded with the peak of migration in the Buffalo area.In the interior of New England the migration was disappointing. However theappearance of Brant at Onata,May 19 and S. Egremont May 20 was noteworthy, as there are few inland records of these species. Rarities included Pacific Loon at Nauset, Little Gull & Royal Tern ay Newburyport,Chuck-will's-widdow at Nahant, Prothonotary Warblers at Fairfield,Conn,Worcester & Lenox ,Mass. Worm-eating Warbler at Newton & Hopkinton, Cerulean Warbler at W.Peabody and Kentuckey Warbler as far north as E.Windsor,Conn. Also a Yellow-headed Blackbird at Sudbury, Summer Tanagers at Girham,Me. & Putney ,Vt. and a Clay-clo. Sparrow at Sagamore. As a comparis onwith the numbers of Hudsonian Curlew seen in our area in late May, only 1 was reported for t he month ,on May 22 at Newburyport.

During August an albino bird was reported by many observers in Orchard Park including Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Winship and George Rapp. The species was undetermined until Sept. 12 when it was brought to the museum,where it was found to be an albino phoebe. A mounted specimen will be made. There was an article in the Buffalo Evening Nres of Sept. 13 on the picture page referring to this specimen and to other albios.

Mr. Howard Peters reported to James Savage that he had seen on two successive Sundays (S pt. 9 and 16) off Mt. Vernon on Lake Erie 2 large flocks of about 200 birds looked like Geese,with long necks and flying in formation .They uttered no sound, and were dark in color,and may have been Cormorants. No flocks of Cormorants of such size have been noted in this region previously,but we should be on the lookout for these flocks and endeavor to determine definitely their identity.

H.D.Mitchell

A Message From The President

To the small group who,by reason of ineligibility for military service and residence close to the museum,have been regular attendents at our meetings,it has seemed a very long time since all of us met in the Humboldt Room.

The boys are not yet home from,though Winston Brockner was home long enough to attend our first September meeting.

But gas rationing is no longer in effect,and those of our civilian members who were unable to attend regularly during the war are once again in position to join us.

We all remember what a wonderful reunion we had with ourfriends a year ago when we held our Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet. We hope all who attended that meeting will be back with us regularly from now on. Remember,October 10th is our Annual Meeting. Come and help us elect our new officers. And as my own swan song as president ,I hereby designate the following meeting,on October 24, as REUNION MEETING. Let all of us make a special effort to be there on that occasion,to give a good send-off to our new officers,and to renew the old friendships which have meant so much to all of us.

C.S.Beardslee

Future Events

Wed. Oct.10th. 8P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science-
Plans for Fall Duck Census - Leader, H.D.Mitchell
Election of officers.

Wed. Oct.24th 8P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science-
Reunion Meeting
Report of Duck Census

Field Trips

Fall Duck Census - Oct 14th. Everybody out and get what you can.
Get reports to H.D.Mitchell, 378 Crescent Ave., Tel. Un.8532

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The Month

September averaged 2.6 degrees above normal,with a high of 93 on the sixth. The outstanding feature of the month,however,was the heavy precipitation during the second half. There was hardly a trace of rain until the fourteenth,but thereafter almost five inches fell,which exceeded the normal rainfall for September by two inches. During the first half of the month,therefore, the ground was very dry,Oak orchard Swamp showing no water at all in the great west marsh. After rains of.90inch on the 14th and 2.11 inches on the 18th,casual water appeared in the fields, and thereafter shore birds were found in greater numbers on the flooded fields than on the lake shores. The rather poor August migration of warblers led to good numbers of these birds passing through during September,but this observer found the greatest wave during the cool days in mid-month following the warm spell which came from the first to the eleventh.

C.S.B.

Noteworthy Records

September 1945

Total nu,ber of species to August 31	- 241
New for September	2
Added new for August	1
Total to Sept .30	244

Loon	Sept. 16-F-	1 over Bird Is	-Andrle,filor
Dbl. Cr. Cormorant	" 16	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Am. Egret	" 24	2 Wilson	-Roberts rep.Web.
Green Heron	" 30	2 Brant Ship Cr.	-Andrle et al
Canada Goose	" 23	lg.flock. Derby	-Larkin
	" 26	" "	- "
Baldpate	" 2-F-	7 Nia. Falls	-Savage,Mitchell
Pintail	Aug. 6	12 Roch House Pt.Ont	-Wright
Gr-wng Teal	Sept.3,4,8	2 LaSalle Quarry	-Wagner- "
Shoveller	" 30-F-	1 Beaver Is.	-Thorpe et al
Golden-eye	July 12	1 Chautauqua Lake	-Somerside
	Sept 2	1 Goat Is.	-Mitchell
	" 8,22	1 Morgan's Pt.Ont.	-Andrle et al
Old Squaw	" 30	1 Nia. Gorge	- " " "
Ruddy Duck	" 27-F-	1 E. Randolph	-Bpurne
Hooded Merg.	" up to 17	1-2 Forest Lawn	-Several Members
Amer. "	" 16	3 Can. Lake Erie	-Mitchell et al
	" 22	1 Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Andrle et al

Red.-br. Merganser	Sept 8	2 Yacht Harbor ,Ont.	-Andrle et al
	" 16	1 Lorraine ,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Sharp-shn. Hawk	" 1-F-	Orchard Pk.	-Winship
	" 5	2 Fredonia,Cassadaga	-Stanley
	" 30	13 Bird Is. Pier	-Thorpe et al
Broad-w. Hawk	" 16	1 Forest Lawn	-Andrle
Osprey	" 7-F-	1 Grand River	-Smith rep Andrle
	" 14	1 Findlay Lake	-Bourne
	" 23	2 N.Barre & Lyndonville	-Mitchell et al
	" 24,27	2 ,1Houghton,Alfred,E.Randolph	-Bourne
Duck Hawk	" 6	1 Perrtsburg	-Bourne
Pigeon "	" 22-F-	1 Sherkston.Ont	Andrle et al
Sora	" 5-9	1 LaSalle Quarry	-Wagner
Golden Plover x	" 1-F-	1 Ridgeway,Ont	-Savage
	" 8	1 Morgan's Pt.	- Andrle et al
	" 28	1 Leon,N.Y.	-Bourne
Ruddy Turnstone	" up to 30	1-6 Bird Is. Pier	-Several members
Hudsonian Curlew	" 10	2 Water works	-Miss Emerson rep Mit-
	" up to 16	2 " "	-Mitchell et al
Solitary Sandpiper	" 24-L-	1 Tonawanda	-Beardslee
	" up to 24	2 -3 LaSalle Quarry	-Wagner
Knot x	Aug 18-F-	1 O.C.Swamp	-King,Wagner
	Sept.8	2 Erie Beach,Ont	-Andrle et al
	" 16	2 Bird Is. Pier	- " " "
	" 22	1 " " "	-Filor
White-r.Sandpiper	" 22	1 " " "	- "
	" 30	1 " " "	-Thorpe et al
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug.12	2 Erie Beach ,Ont.	-Savage
	Sept. 1,9,16,22,--	5,2,2,2, Bird Is.Pier	-Andrle et al
	" 8,22	2,1 Rock House Pt.Ont.	- " " "
	" 16	2 Rose Hill,Ont	-Mitchell et al
	" 25	2 Ft. Erie,Ont.	- " " "
Least "	" 16-L-	3 Bird Is.Pier	-Andrle et al
Red-b. "	" 30-F-	1 " " "	-Thorpe et al
L. Dowitcher	Aug.6	1 Rock House Pt.Ont.	-Wright
" "	" 20	1 Ft.Erie	-Savage
Stilt Sandpiper	" 8	1 Erie Beach ,Ont	-Savage
Western "	" 6	1 " " "	- "
Great Black backed Gull	Sept 2,20	1,1 Nia. Falls	-Savage et al
	" 8	1 Pt. Abino,Ont	-Andrle et al
Little Gull x	" 1-F-	1 Bird Is.	-Mitchell
	" 2	1 Water Works	-Savage
	" 18	1 " "	-Mitchell
	"30	1 Bird Is.	-Thorpe et al
Forster's Tern	" 11-F-	1 " "	-Andrle,Wagner
Caspian "	Aug.12	2 Crystal Lake	-Wagner
Black "	Sept. 19	4 Bird Island	Andrle
Yellow-bl.Cuckoo	" 22-L-	1 Rock House Pt.,Ont.	- " et al
Barred Owl	" 29	1 Chestnut Rdg.Pk.-	-Bourne
Whip-poor-will	" 3-F-	1 Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	-Mitchell
	" 5	1 Pt.Abino.,Ont.	-Jamison
	" 15	1 Harris Hill	-Andrle et al
	" 16	1 Erie Beach	-Mitchell etal
	" 27-L-	1 Lincoln Pk.	-Wagner
Nighthawk	" 27,28-L-	12 N. Buffalo	-Andrle
Chimney Swift	" 24-L-	6 Buffalo	-Facklam
Hummingbird	" 22	1 Erie Beach,Ont.	-Andrle
Yellow-bld.Sapsucker	" 20-F-	1 Nia. Falls	-Beardslee
Kingbird	" 26-L-	1 Cassadaga	-Stanley
	" 23	1 fresh dead Depew	-Wagner
Crested Flycatcher	" up to 9-L-	1 Nia.Falls	-Rogerson
Phoebe	Aug. and up to	Sept.12, 1 (collected) -Winships,Mitchell	albino-Orchard Park et al

Yellow-b Flycatcher	Sept 23-L-	1	Inter Pk.*Bflo	-Filor
Least "	" 22-L-	2	Can. Shore L. Erie	-Andrle et al
Wood Pewee	" 25-L-	1	Dunkirk	-Beardslee
Olive-s.Flycatcher	" 16-L-	1	Lorraine,Ont.	-Michell et al
Bank Swallow	" 12-L-	20	Nia. Falls	-Beardslee
Barn "	" 15-L-	2	O.O.	-Andrle
Red-br.Nuthatch	" 16,19		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
	" 22	2	Can,Shore.L.Erie	-Andrle et al
Brown Creeper	" 16	4	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	-Bourne
	" 16	2	Forest Lawn	-Filor
Winter Wren	" 22	1,1	Nia.Falls:Morgan's Pt.	-Rogerson :Andrle
Mockingbird	Aug 28	1	Kuckville,N.Y.	-W.A.& G. Smith
Wood Thrush	Sept 27	1	Amherst	-Wagner
Hermit "	" 26-F-	1	N.Buffalo	-Andrle
Gray-ch.Thrush	" 1,9,25-29	1	Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Golden-cr. Kinglet	" 23-F-	1	O.O.	-Mitchell,Webster
Ruby-cr. "	" 3-F-	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont	-Mitchell
	" 4		Nia.Falls	-Rogerson
English Sparrow	" 15	1	cream colored,Selby	-Andrle et al
Yellow-thr.Vireo	" 30-L-	1	Chestnut Riidge Pk	-Verrill
Blue-headed "	" 22	1	Roch House Pt.,Ont	-Andrle et al
	" 30	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Verrill
Red-eyed "	" 27	1	Amherst	-Wagner
Philadelphia "	Aug 30-F-	1	Harris Hill	-Wendling
	Sept 1	1	Nia. Falls	-Beardslee
	" 20-L-	1,1	" "	- " :Rogerson
Bl. & Wh. Warbler	" 25-L-	1	Erie Beach,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Tennessee "	" 13-F-	1	Lincoln Pk.	-Andrle et al
Orange-cr. "	" 29-F-	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	-Bourne
Parula "	" 1-F-	1	Del. Park	-Filor
Yellow "	" 8-L-	1	Pt. Colborne,Ont.	-Andrle
Myrtle "	" 2-F-		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
	" 12	1	" "	-Beardslee
Blackpoll "	" 1,6-F-		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Pine "	Apr. 29	1	E. Aurora	-Wild
	Sept 29	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Connecticut "	" 17	2	Forest Lawn	-Filor
	" 23-L-	1	Corfu	-Wagner
Mourning "	" 12-L-	2	Nia. Falls	-Beardslee
Hooded "	" 16-L-	2	Chestnut Ridge park	-Bourne
Wilson's "	" 23-L-	1	Oak Orchard	-Mitchell et al
Canada "	" 15-L-		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Redstart	" 29	4	Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Bobolink	" 10-L-		E. Aurora	-Webster
Orchard Oriole	June 20	1	Wanakah	-Whight
Balt. "	Sept 1-12-L-		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Indigo Bunting	" 22-L-	1	Yacht Harbor	-Andrle et al
Purple Finch	" all mo.		Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Wh-thr. Sparrow	" 5-F-	3	Brockport	-Beardslee,Guelf
	up to June 22	1	Lyndonville	-Smith

Additional Nesting Records

Vesper Sparrow	July 26	N4E	Lyndonville	-W.A.Smith
Wood Thrush	May 27	compl	Batavia	-Pixley
	June 5	N4E	"	- "
	" 10	N4E	"	- "
	" 14	2Y & 2E	"	- "
	" 24	4YN	"	- "
Wood Thrush	" 10	N3E	"	- "
	" 14	"	"	- "
	" 24	empty	"	- "

	"	14	2YN	"	-	"
	"	24	empty	"	-	"
Goldfinch	Sept	8	N7E	near Batavia	-Buhl	rep.Pixley
	"	15	N5Y	" "	- "	" "
	"	21	young being pushed out of nest -			"
			" around for 3 days after.			

Notes

Reports from the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club of Rochester include: for week ending Sept. 14,Kingbird,Wood Pewee,Cormorant,Dowitcher,and Pipit; for week ending Sept. 21- Cormorant,Caspian Tern,Chimney Swift,Barn Swallow,Short-billed Marsh Wren, Yellow Warbler and Louisiana Water Thrush; and for week ending Sept.28- Red-breasted Merganser,Virginia and Sora Rails,Iceland Gull (very early),Chimney Swift,Kingbird (very late)Wood Pewee (very late),Bank and Barn Swallow,Short-billed Marsh Wren, Veery (very late),Migrant Shrike and Bobolink (very late) C.S.B.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society held a state-wide bird census on May 19-20 - noteworthy were the records of Brant as far inland as Pittsfield; Chat,Gnatcatcher, White-eyed Vireo,Brewster's Warbler,and Eastern Willet- It is very interesting,when receiving reports from other localities to note some of the species which are considered unusual there,which we find fairly common here. For example, the Bulletin mentions as outstanding the finding of such species as Great Blue Heron,Purple Martin Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrow,Solitary Sandpiper,Rough-winged Swallow,Tennessee Warbler, Blue-winged Teal,Upland Plover,both Marsh Wrens and Bay-breasted Warbler. C.S.B.

New England Bird Notes for June emphasize the prolonging of migration for certain species because of the cold wet weather of May and early June. Such species included Common Tern,Nighthawk,Flycatchers,Magnolia,Blackburnian,Blackpoll,Mourning, Wilson's,Canada Warblers and Redstart.

The edge of the hurricane of June 26 wiped out many terns nesting and brought a few Black Skimmers. Notable records included Summer Tanager June 26 at Chestnut Hill,Mass and a Clay-colored Sparrow at Sagamore June 17. Several cormorants nested off Manchester,Mass. A Chimney Swift's nest at Monroe,N.H. was on inside wall of lumber camp (hole in roof). H.D.M.

Several of our members have visited Potter Swamp to observe the rich bird life of this region. This area is now threatened with drainage for the purpose of conversion to muck farms. We understand that no similar area remains in that part of the state and that the drainage would have a serious effect on the wild life of the region.

This area has been under consideration from time to time as a wild life sanctuary,and now seems to be the last chance to save it for such a purpose. Rails, pheasants,Grouse and other game birds ,as well as Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpeckers and many Thrushes and other birds of swamps and swampy woodland nest there, and find cover there.

The Eaton Bird Club of Geneve,N.Y.requests our help and that of our society in asking the Conservation Department of New York State to set aside the Potter Swamp area as a wild life refuge, and to do this before any drainage work be undertaken. Prompt action is necessary. H.D.Mitchell

Breeding areas and protected habitat are of first importance for the perpetuation of our native wild birds and animals. The scarcity of small game as reported by sportsmen indicates that every measure should be taken to stop the decline and help these creatures maintain their numbers.

The proposal of the Eaton Bird Club would do much for the conservation of the wild resources of that neighborhood and should have the support of all interested in the welfare of the out of doors. Editor.

Future Events

Meetings:

Wed Nov.14 -Humboldt Room Museum of Science- 8 P.M.
Speaker- C.S.Beardslee
Topic- Little known facts about well known birds.

Wed.- Nov. 28- Humboldt Room of the Museum of Science 8 P.M.
Speaker- H.D.Mitchell
Topic- Discussion of winter plumages of ducks by pictures and skins.

Wed. Dec. 12- Humboldt Room of Buffalo Museum of Science. 8P.M.
Topic- Discussion and preparation for Christmas Census.

Wed Jan. 9-1946 -Humboldt Room of Buffalo Museum of Science - 8 P.M.
Topic- Report of Christmas census

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October's temperature stayed for the most part close to normal,but the third and fourth days were severely cold for that season,33 degrees being registered on both days.This was the lowest reading for the entire month,and warblers and vireos ,which usually are found tarrying in some number well into October, were conspicuously absent thereafter. The cold wave brought geese down early ,and many flocks were seen flying over during and immediately following this period. The outstanding feature of the month's weather,however,was the high precipitation. As previously reported,very heavy rains fell throughout the latter half of September, and the first twenty-six hours of October brought 3.49 inches,which is more than usually falls in the entire month,and is over three times the total for October, 1944. The ground was unable to soak up such tremendous quatities of water,and all low areas in outlying fields were inundated. Western New York assumed the aspect of early April,and the almost continuous rains which fell throughout the rest of the month were amply sufficient to maintain the illusion. The result was most interesting .Almost every shore bird deserted the shores of Lake Erie and repaired to the inland mud flats.Food there was abundant ,and the weather being free from severe cold waves, the hardier species remained right up to the month's end.Almost every flooded field had its complement of snipe,plover and sandpipers. The phenomenon was without parallel in the experience of this observer, and it occured to him that "shore birds" might more correctly be called "mud flat birds".Certainly here in western New York we have learned to look for them in the spring migration out at the "sinks" of Amherst and Clarence, and on the flats of Oak Orchard. Not until these areas are dried up do we transfer our efforts to the Lake Erie shores. Throughout the fall migration the fields of the interior are usually dry,so we have always looked for these birds on the sands and pitted rocks of the lake shore. This year, however,with mud flats readily available in the interior, there was scarcely a "shore bird" to be found on the shore.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Loon	Oct.6	5 Bird Is	-Andrlee
	" 25	15 Niagara Gorge	-Schaffher
Red-thr.Loon	"4-F-	1 Beaver Is.	- "
Holboell's Grebe	" 14-F-	2 Nia.Falls	-Keim
Horned Grebe	" 7-F-	3 " Gorge	-Filor et al
Double-cr. Cormorant	" 6	2 Ft.Erie,Ont.	-Doyle
	" 7	2 Peace Brdg.,& Nia.Falls	-Wagner et al
	" 8,12	1,1 Bird Is.	-Beardslee,Mitchell
	" 9	3 Nia.Falls	- "

Double-cr.Cormorant	Det.	11	4 Nia. Falls	-Doyle
	"	20,25	2,1 " "	-Mitchell,Schaffner
Green Heron	"	15	1 foot of Sheridan Dr.	-Beardslee
Bl-cr. Night Heron	"	27	18 Delaware Park	-Winsor
Am Bittern	"	18	1 foot Sheridan Dr.	-Mitchell,Brockner
Canada Goose	"	4	30 Nia. River	-Beardslee
	"	8	40 Birdgeburg,Ont.	- "
	"	13	flock at night ,Kenmore	- "
	"	14	30 N. Bflo	-Andrle
	"	14	70,70-Ft.Erie,Ont.-Kenmore	-Andrle,Wolfling-Beardsl
	"	14	flock Chestnut Ridge	-Verrill
	"	14	30 Eggertsville	-Doyle
Shoveller	"	6	2 BuffaloHarbor	-Savage
Ring-necked Duck	"	11-F-	1 Burnt Ship Cr.	-Doyle
Lesser Scaup "	"	6-F-	26 Bflo. Harbor	-Savage,Andrle
Am. Golden-eye	"	7,12	1 Nia.Gorge	-Filor,Wagner,Thorpe
Bufflehead	"	12-F-	1 " "	-Murphy
Old Squaw	"	7,12,20	1-3 " "	-several members
Ruddy Duck	"	25	1 " "	Schaffner
White-w.Scoter	"	9.12	1 " "	-Beardslee,-Thorpe et al
	"	20,25	4,8 " "	-Mitchell,Schaffner
Surf Scoter x	"	1-F-	11 Bflo. Harbor	-Bourne
	"	4	13 " "	- " ,Savage
Hooded Merganser	"	17-F-	1 Hyde Park	-Beardslee
	"	18	1 Budnt Ship Cr.	-Mitchell et al
	"	20	5 " " "	- "
	"	25	1,1 Hyde Park,Nia. Falls	-Schaffner
Turkey Vulture	"	14	1 O.C.	-Doyle
	"	20	2 Medina	-Simmons
Sharp-shn. Hawk	"	8	1 Forest Lawn	-Andrle
	"	20	1 " "	-Mitchell
Red-tld. Hawk	"	9	12 Erie Beach,Ont.	Murphy
Red-shd. "	"	9	1 " " "	- "
Broad-w "	"	24-L-	1 Forest Lawn	-Schaffner
Rough-lgd "	"	18-F-	4 Lyndonville	-Smith
	"	22	1 Derby	-Larkin
Marsh "	"	20	1 Del. Park	-Mitchell
Osprey	"	19-L-	1 Olcott	- R. Verrill
Duck Hawk	"	1	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	-Murphy et al
	"	9	2 Erie Beach,Ont.	- "
Ring-n. Pheasant	"	17	1 Alnino-Lyndonville	-Smith
Coot	"	25	1 Dunkirk	-Beardslee
Golden Plover	"	11	18 Ransom Rd.Grand Is.	-Wright
	"	18	12 Sweet Home Rd.	-Schaffner
	"	22-25	up to 23 " " "	-several members
	"	28	1 " " "	-Thorpe et al
	"	18	30 " " "	-Schaffner
Ruddy Turnstone	"	up to 20	1- 2 " " "	-Wolfling et al
Wilson's Snipe	"	all mo.	3-6 ft. Sheridan Dr.	-several members
	"	18-28	1-5 Sweet Home Rd.	- " "
	"	8	6 Mount Morris,N.Y.	-Bourne
	"	15	1 Eggertsville	-Doyle
Spotted Sandpiper	"	2-L-	1 Sherkston,Ont.	-Murphey et al
Solitary Sandpiper	"	12-L-	2 ft. Sheridan Dr.	-Beardslee
Gtr. Yellowlegs	"	28-L-?	1 Sweet Home Rd.	-Andrle
Lsr. "	"	18,25	1,1 " " "	-Schaffner
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	28	7 " " "	-Thorpe
White-r "	"	8	35 unusual no.ft. Sheridan Dr.	-Wright
	"	12-29-L-	1-6 " "	"-Beardslee et al
	"	22	2 Sweet Home Rd	-Mitchell et al
	"	22	2 " " "	-Thorpe et al

Baird's Sandpiper	Oct. 8	4 ft. Sheridan Dr.	-Wright
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	" 16	1 ft.Sheridan Dr.	-Beardslee
	" 23	1 Sweet Home Rd.	-Andrle
	" 28-L-	1 " " "	-Thorpe et al
Red-brd. "	" all mo.	1- 10 ft. Sheridan Dr.	several members
	" 10	10 Grover Cl. Golf Course	-Wagner
	" 22	10 Sweet Home Rd.	-Mitchell et al
	" 23	21 " " "	-Andrle
	" 28	5 " " "	- "
Semipalm. "	" 16	2 ft. Sheridan Dr.	-Seeber
Northern Phalarope x	" 4	1 Nia. Gorge ,Ont.	-Schaffner
	" 7	1 " " "	-Mitchell et al
Parasitic Jaeger x	" 28	1 Peace Bridge	-Nathan
Franklin's x	Aug. 12-F-	1 " "	- "
Little Gull	Oct.29	1 Bird Is.	-Mitchell
Black Tern	" 4	1 Woodlawn	-Bourne
Yellow-b.Cuckoo	" 5-L-	1 Bird Is.	-Filor et al
Screech Owl	" 20	1 Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Verrill
Snowy "	" last half	1 killed Machias,N.Y.	-rep- Stanley
	" 31	1 pickrd up injured-Dunkirk-	" "
Chimney Swift	" 6-L-	55 Bird Is.	-Andrle
Hummingbird	" 7	2 in yard Snyder	-Prof Alexander
	" 10-L-	1 Uni. of Bflo.	-Wagner
Pileated wdpkr	" 27	1 S. of Springville	-Creightons
	" 30	1 Rushford	- "
Yellow-bld. Sapsucker	" 26-L-	1 Humboldt Pkwy	-Filor
Tree Swallow	" 15	6 Ft. Erie,Ont	-Murphy
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 6	1 Forest Lawn	-Mitchell et al
	" 13	1 Del.Pk	- "
House Wren	" 11	2 Frenchman's Cr.	-Murphy
	" 13-L-	1 Forest Lawn	-Mitchell
Pr. Marsh Wren	" 25-L-	2 Dunkirk	-Beardslee
Catbird	" 14-	2 Tift St.	-Filor et al
Brown Thrasher	" 20-L-	1 Forest Lawn	-Mitchell
Wood Thrush	" 14-L-	1 Tift St.	-Wagner et al
Pipit	" 7-F-	12 Grand Is	-Filor et al
	" 18	15 Sweet Home Rd.	-Schaffner
	" 18	50 Grand Is.	-Mitchell et al
	" 25	5 Sweet Home Rd.	-Schaffner
	" 28	6 " " "	-Thorp et al
Migrant Shrike	" 14	1 Emery Pk.	-Wild
Blue-h. Vireo	" 17	1 Nia.St. Near Ferry,dead	-rep.Wild
Tennessee Warbler	" 13-L-	1 Forest Lawn	-Mitchell
Orange-cr. "	" 6	2 " "	- " et al
	" 25-L-	1 Sweet Home Rd	-Schaffner
Nashville "	" 8	4 Forest Lawn	-Andrle et al
Magnolia "	" 20	1 Bird Is.	-Facklam
Cape May "	" 11-L-	1 Frenchman's Cr.	-Murphy
Black-thr. Bl.Warbler	" 18	1 Baseline Rd. Gr. Is.	-Mitchell et al
Bay-br. "	" 9-L-	1 Erie Beach ,Ont.	-Murphy
Blackpoll "	" 14	3 Tift St.	-Wagnor et al
Redstart	" 14-L-	1 " "	- " " "
Rusty Blackbird	" 2-F-	2 Gro. Cl Golf Course	-Andrle
Purple Finch	" 13	2 F. Lawn	-Mitchell
	" 14	3,3 Bird Is.-Andrle;Tift St.	-Filor et al
Pine Siskin	" 8	3 Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Vesper Sparrow	" 23-L-	4 Sweet Home Rd.	-Andrle
Field "	" 18	1 Grand Is.	-Mitchell et al
White-cr. "	" 6-F-	2 F. Lawn	- " " "
Fox "	" 6-F-	1 " "	- " " "
	" 27	4 Del.Pk.	-Windsor
Lincoln's "	" 5	1 Bird Is.	-Filor et al

Fall Duck Census

Oct. 21,1945 - fair and warm 50-68 degrees.-- S.W."ind 17 mph

Parties and territorial assignments:

A-American Shore Niagara River -C.S.Beardslee
B-Canadian " " " & Bflo. Breakwall -Andrle,Filor,Wolfling,Schaffner & Wagner

C.American Shore Lake Erie:Bflo to Irving &Smith's Mills-Bert & Bart Wright
D.Can. Shore " " ;Ft- Erie to Lorraine. -H.D.Mitchell,Mrs. W.A.Dittmer
Miss C. Moore,Mrs. H.Hickman,Miss Facklam,Miss Webster,Miss Graham, Mr.&Mrs.A.Hellborn and family,Mrs. Valent,Mr. & Mrs.Furman,Miss Shees,Clayton Knox,Jas. Youker, C.Lipsitz.

E- Can. Shore Lake Erie Pt.Colborne to Rock House Pt.:-J.Doyle ,L. Murphy
F- Grand Is. North end: Ed Seeber,M.Wendling,G.Grothe.
G- " " South ": Thorpe, Praemassings,Rosa
H- " " West ": Tilley
J- " " East ": Ulrichs
K-Oak Orchard Swamp & vic.:-Mr. & Mrs.R.M.Verrill,Mr.&Mrs. Richard Verrill
L-Orchard Pk.,Silver Lake,Crystal and Rushford Lakes:-Winships
M-Lyndonville &vic.:W.A.Smith
N-Castile:-Mrs. Thompson
O-Niagara Falls:-Miss Tuttle
P-Delaware Pk & Forest Lawn:-Maxwell Wheeler
Q-Batavia & Vic. :-Mrs. Fixley
R-Leroy: Fred Hazelton
S-Dunkirk,Bear & Cassadaga Lakes:-Dr. & Mrs. Stanley,Dr. & Mrs Meroney,T.Shober& 4 members Fredonia S.T.C. Linnaean Soc.
T- E.Aurora: Wm. Wild

In the following list,letters refer to parties by which species was observed.

Common Loon,6;Holboell's Grebe 2,F in B ter.;Horned Grebe 68; Pied-b Grebe,28; D.Cr.Cormorant 1,A; Gt. Blue Heron 22; Green Heron 1,B ;Am. Bittern 1,A ;Mute Swan 1, S ;Canada Goose,145,A D F M ; Mallard 81 (& 241 in Del.Pk. &F.L.); Black Duck,328; Baldpate ,66 ;Pintail,8,A ;Blue-w Teal 11, A ;Wood Duck 52, M S ;Redhead 6,S;Canvasback 1 ,F in B ter.; Gr. Scaup Duck 3,G ;Lsr. Scaup Duck ,707 ;Am. Goldeneye,24,A,B; Old-squaw 6,B,D ;White-w. Scoter 10,B,D ;Surf Scoter 16,B,D;Am. Scoter 1,C ;Ruddy Duck,4,C ;Am. Merganser 41, H N ;Red-br. Merganser,335,B,E,D ;Turkey Vulture,8,Q; Cooper's Hawk,8,C,E,K ;Red-tld. Hawk,11, ;Red-shouldered Hawk,3,B,K ;Rough-leg. Hawk,7,B,H ;Marsh Hawk,16 ;Sparrow Hawk,15 ;R.N. Pheasant,53 ;Coot 21,E,F,G,S ; Semi-p. Plover 1,B;Killdeer 117 ; Golden Plover 2 B,G in J ter ;Black-b. Plover 18,B ; Woodcock 1, H ;Wilson's Snipe 8,A ;Grt. Yellowlegs 5 ;Yellow-legs 2,M ;Pectoral Sandpiper 2,A;White-r. Sandpiper 6,A ; Red-b Sandpiper 6,A ; Semi-pal. Sandpiper 1,A ; Sanderling 12,B,D,E,S ;Herring Gul 1117 ; Ring-b. Gull 2417 ;Bonaparte's Gull 943 ; Common Tern ,111; Black Tern 2,B ; Rock Dove 316 ;M. Dove 69 D,E,F; Screech Owl 2,M; Gt. Horned Owl,1 H ;Saw-whet Owl 1 ;Belted Kingfisher,12 ;Flicker,9 ;Red-bld. Woodpecker,1 R ;Red-hd. Woodpecker 6 B,G ;Hairy Woodpecker,5 ; Downy Woodpecker,39 ; Phoebe 6,B,D,F,J ;Pr. Horned Lark 11,K,G,T ;Tree Swallow 1,D ;Rough-w. Swallow,7,B,D; Blue Jay 16 ; Crow 343 ;Bl c. Chickadee,219 ; W br-Nuthatch,34 ; Red-br. Nuthatch 18 D,E ;Br. Creeper,17 ;Winter Wren,7,B,E,H,A ; Catbird,1,H ; Robin,318 ;Hermit Thrush,26 ;Olive-b. Thrush,1,D ;Bluebird ,80 ;Golden-cr. Kinglet,231 ;Ruby-cr. Kinglet,348 ;Pipit 68,A,B,D ;Cedar Waxwing,38,C,D,J ;Starling,3106 ; Orange-cr. Warbler 1,S ;Nashville Warbler,2,F ;Magnolia Warbler 3,H ;Bl-thr. Blue Warbler 1,E ; Myrtle Warbler 79 ; Blackpoll Warbler 7,D,E,S ; N. Yellowthroat 1,G ;Eng. Sparrow,1016 ; Meadowlark,102 ; Redwing,1473 ;Rusty Blackbird 37,L,Q ;Bronzed Grackle,218 ; Cowbird 153 ;Cardinal 4,C,D ;Purple Finch,1,C ; Goldfinch,206 ; Red-eyed Towhee,3,D,E,F ; Savannah Sparrow 5,E,S ;Vesper Sparrow, 55 ; Sl-c. Junco,653; Tree Sparrow,41; Chipping Sparrow 11 ;
Field Sparrow.10 ;Wd-cr. Sparrow 20,B,E,J,S ;Wh-thr. Sparrow 197 ;Fox Sparrow 4,A G; Swamp Sparrow 23,K,S,T ;Song Sparrow 303. Total -115 species. - 17,799 individuals.

Besides there were about 1500 ducks above Niagara Falls too far out in the river to identify, but these probably were mostly scaup with some redheads and canvas-backs.-* The Screech Owl must have had a guilty conscience as it flew through an open window into the Louisiana St. Police Station and was caught and brought to the museum

This census failed to show the large number of waterfowl which might have been expected from optimistic reports received from observers in their breeding grounds. Permission was not obtained in time to enter the Oak Orchard Swamp refuge, however, so the report is incomplete in that respect.

The total number of species observed was in line with reports from previous years, and the presence of swallows and several warblers in particular show that the weather conditions preceding the census were not too severe. New birds for the census were Golden Plover, Saw-whet Owl and N. Yellowthroat. We missed such birds as Bl-cr. Night Herons, Black-b. Gull, Purple Finch and Snow Bunting which are often found by some party on a census taken at this season. There were very few shorebirds along the lake shores, but a number were found in flooded fields and mud flats.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every observer for their time and effort in covering their territorial assignment .

H.D.Mitchell

Notes

Reports from Rochester as reported by Mr.W.L.G.Edson, for week ending Oct.5 include Double-cr. Cormorant, Sharp-shn. and Cooper's Hawks, Bl-thr. Green Warbler, Tree and White-cr. Sparrows. The following week -Green Heron, Florida Gallinule, Ruddy Turnstone, Wood Pewee, Bank Swallow, Black and White, Nashville and Palm Warblers were among the late migrants, while Black-bk. Gull, Red-br. Nuthatch and Carolina Wren were among the birds noted. Records for the week ending Oct. 19 included Bittern, Canada Goose, White-w. Scoter, a very late Spotted Sandpiper, Lsr. Yellowlegs, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl, Phoebe, House Wren, Long-b. Marsh Wren, Catbird, Wood Thrush, Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow. The following week was highlighted by a record of 2 Black-bld. Cuckoo on Oct.20, also Red-t hr. Loon, Osprey, and Long-b. Marsh Wren. The appearance of an American three-toed Woodpecker at Tryon Park at the end of the month is of unusual interest.

New England Bird Reports for July tell of very limited success of tern nestlings following the late June hurricane . The numbers of shore birds reported in the July flight were below normal, except for Dowitchers, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers. A few more Bl-Skimmers were reported, some possibly blown by the June storm in Mass. Yellow-bld. Cuckoos were unusually common. In Maine Mourning Doves, House Wrens, and Meadowlarks are increasing their range. From Quebec, Roland Clement says" the lemming population crashed this spring, and if this is a widespread phenomenon, you should have a visitation of Snowy Owls during the coming fall." A number of records of this species near Buffalo already this fall betoken the truth of this observation.

At Fairfield, Conn. Mr. Saunders noted Spotted Sandpiper migrants as early as July 14 ,21 &22. A Wilson's Phalorope was seen at Rowley July 19, and an Eastern Willet at Chatham July 3. Shearwaters, particularly Sooties, were more numerous 10-25 mi. east of Chatham than ever before recorded, while mackerel were simultaneously abundant there.

Not only is this a Snowy Owl winter, with repots of at least 11 up to Dec.2, but Evening Grosbeaks are reported within the last few days from Hamburg, Orchard Park, and Niagara Falls, also a Mockingbird at Mr. Rogerson's feeding station at the Falls. Chickadees aoopear to be unusually common, while Cardinals have been reported from a number of new localities during November. Members should send in all reports of interesting records.

H.D.Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings-Wed. Jan.9-1946 -Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science —8 P.M.

Trips- Christmas census to be taken on Sunday Dec, 23, covering the area with Grand Island as the center. Call Robert Andrle, Pa. 1411 fpr assignments.

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The Month

The first half of November was unusually warm, with temperature exceeding 60 degrees on eight days. The remainder of the month was cold, and the occasional rains of the first half were replaced by heavy snows. On the 23rd. and 24th. 12.7 inches fell on the Niagara Frontier area, with little or none elsewhere. On the 29th a record storm, which was general in the northeastern states, dropped an additional 12.4 inches on Buffalo, and even more in the area to the south and east. A rather large number of records of Snowy Owls were received during the month, and for a time it appeared that Evening Grosbeaks would invade western New York in numbers. However, these birds seemed to disappear with the same rapidity with which they came. Very noteworthy was the scarcity of Snow Buntings. None had been reported during late October, when they have always been found along the Canadian shore in previous years. This year, although several parties visited that area both in late October and throughout November, no buntings were found there, and very few were reported from the fields of the interior.

C.S.Beardslee.

Noteworthy Records

November 1945

Total number of species to Oct.31 - 250
New for November - 2 -Evening Grosbeak
Golden Eagle
Total number of species to Nov.30 - 252

Common Loon	Nov. 4	14 Niagara Gorge	-Mitchell et al
Red-thr. "	" 21	1 Findley Lake	-Creightons
Pied-b. Grebe	" 4-L-	4,1 Burnt Ship Cr.;Parker Av.	-Mitchell,Andrle et
Double-cr.Cormorant	" 11	1 Rose's Pt.,Ont.	- " et al
Gr-Blue Heron	" 22	1 Grand Is,	- Wagner
	" 25	1 Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Andrle,Nathan
Whistling Swan	" 8	450-500 L. Erie off Green Crest & Erie State Pk	-Stanley
	" 10	large flock off Wanakah	-O.Peters rep.Savage
	" 17-L-	1,1 Foot Porter Av.-Dunkirk	-Mitchell,Stanley
Canada Goose	" 4	50 N. Buffalo	-Gilbert rep. Andrle
	last week of Nov.-flock	Hamburg	-Bourne
Wood Duck	" 25-L-	1 pr.Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Andrle,Nathan

Bufflehead	Nov	11	180	Can.Shore L.Erie	-Mitchell et al
	"	25	225	" " " "	-Andrle,Nathan
Ruddy Duck	Oct	23	4	Nu Lake,Batavia	-Pixley
Am.Scoter	Nov	1	1	Bird Is.	-Andrle
	"	9	3	Ft. Erie,Ont.	-Filor
	"	11	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Hooded Merganser	"	4	6	Ellicott Cr.	-Wagner
Red-shd. Hawk	"	4	1	Ft.Erie,Ont.	-Nathan
	"	25	1	Grand Is.	-Mitchell etal
Rough-l.Hawk	"	4	1	Tonawanda	-Wagner
	"	18	2	Lakeside	-Pixley
	"	22	1	Grand Is.	-Wagner
	"	25	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Nathan,-Andrle
	"	26	1	Corfu	-Bourne
Golden Eagle x	"	10-F-	1	near Westfield	-Stanley-see under note
Bald Eagle	"	10	4	imm.Dunkirk	-Stanley et al
Duck Hawk	"	24	1	Pavilion,N.Y.	-Mitchell
Pigeon Hawk	"	12	1	Cassadaga	-Stanley,Keyser
Coot	"	4-L-	4	Burnt Ship Cr.	-Mitchell etal
Killdeer	"	25-L-	1	Pt. Abino	-Andrle et al
Golden Plover	"	4-L-	1	Sweet Home Rd.	-Andrle,Wagner
Black-bld.Plover	"	11-L-	1	Erie Beach,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Ruddy Turnstone	"	1	1	Bird Is.	-Filor
Woodcock	"	10-L-	1	Hamburg	-Creighton
Wilson's Snipe	"	4	5,4	Ft.Erie,Ont.;ft.Sheridan Dr.	-Mitchell-Andrle
Gtr. Yellow Legs	"	4-L-	1	Sweet Home Rd.	-Wagner
White-rmp. Sandpiper	"	1-L-	1	ft Sheridan Dr.	-Bourne
Red-Bkd. "	"	25-L-	1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	-Andrle,Nathan
Sanderling	"	11-L-	7	Can Shore L. Erie	-Mitchell et al
Glaucous Gull	"	23-F-	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	-Savage
	"	25	1	LaSalle Quarry	-Wagner
Bonaparte's Gull	"	17	5600	Bflo.Harbor	-Mitchell
Little Gull	Oct.	29	1	Nia.River	-Wright
	Nov	17	2	ft. Mich.Av.	-Mitchell
	"	22,25	1,1	Bird Is.	-Andrle,Nathan
Common Tern	"	8-L-	1	Ft. Erie,Ont.	-Thorpe
Screech Owl	"	28	1	Fredonia	-Stanley
Snowy Owl	"	3	1	inj. near Dunkirk	- "
	"	11	1	Wainfleet,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
	"	11	1	Elmlawn Cem.	-Furman rep.Mitchell
	"	14	1	caught at ft Sheridan Dr	- Seeber
	"	15	1	" " " " "	- "
	"	18	1	Tifft St.	-Andrle et al
	"	21-24	1	LaSalle Quarry	-Wagner
Barred Owl	"	25	1	Grand Is.	-Mitchell et al
Short-erd.Owl	"	25	1	Soule Rd.,Hamburg	-Bourne
	"	30	4	near Big Tree	- "
Saw-whet Owl	"	25	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Wagner
Flicker	"	13	1	F. Lawn	- "
	"	29	1	Fredonia	-Stanley
Mockingbird	"	18	1	in yard Nia.Falls	-Rogerson
Catbird	"	25-L-	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Wagner
Robin	"	13	2	F.Lawn	- "
	"	25	6,1	Can.Sh.L.Erie,Hamburg	-Andrle,Nathan-Bourne
Bluebird	"	11-L-	5	Pt.Abino,Ont.	-Mitchell et al
Ruby-cr.Kinglet	"	4-L-	1	Can.Sh. Nia, River	- " " "
Pipit	"	25-L-	7	" " L. Erie	-Andrle et al
Northern Shrike	"	26-F-	1	in yd. Nia. Falls	-Rogerson
Wilson's Warbler	Oct.	7-L-	1	Erie Beach	-Wright
Meadowlark	Nov.	25	1	Pt.Abino,Ont.	-Andrle,Nathan
Redwing	"	25	1	" " "	- " "

Rusty Blackbird	Nov.25	3 Pt. Abino,Ont.	-Wagner
Cowbird	" 10	3 Lincoln Pk.	- "
Evening Grosbeak	" 24-F-	1 in yard Nia, Falls	-Rogerson
	" 25	24 Bflo.Av. Hamburg	-Wm.McShane rep. Creighton
	" 26	1 pr. Orchard Pk.	-Winships
Pine Siskin	" 4	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	-Nathan
White-thr.Sparrow	" 4	1 " " "	Mitchell et al
Snow Bunting	" 6-F-	200 Lakeside	-Pixley
	" 18	200 "	- "
	" 21	14 Parker Rd.,Ton.	-Bourne
			H.D.Mitchell

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS God,in His infinite wisdom,has taken from our midst our beloved friend Tom M. Kelly,and

WHEREAS the said Tom Kelly has been a member of our society for twelve years, during which time,by his friendliness,his ready humor,his loyalty,his enthusiasm, and his high charachter,he has endeared himself to us all,and

WHEREAS,as a measure of our high regard for him,he was elected to the office of President,in which capacity he served the society for two most successful years,and

WHEREAS his memory will be our inspiration as long as our society shall endure now be it

RESOLVED that our sympathy be extended to his family,together with the assurance to them that we share deeply in their loss,and be it further

RESOLVED that this resoultion be spread upon our minutes,and that a copy be conveyed to the family.

November 28, 1945

BUFFALO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NOTES

Concerning the Golden Eagle Record of Nov. 10 we quote from Dr. Willard Stanley's letter " It has been a good many years since I knew the bird fairly well in North Dakota. We watched this bird for twenty minutes. As we gradually worked toward it,it slowly soared higher and higher and drifted off toward the south.We studied it with 7 x50 and 10 x 35 as well as several lower powered glasses. The bird was sufficiently close that with the above glasses one could see the individual feathers of the wing change their position as the bird hovered for minutes at a time about 100ft. above the lake shore in such a stationary position that one could study it from a rest without moving the glasses.------There was a definite band at the tip of the tail though it was not quite as broad as shown in Peterson's drawings and shaded up a little on the sides---- There could be no question about light spots at the bend of the wings. They were very definite and as shown in Peterson's drawings. There were light'streaks' on the wings above as shown in some bird plates,though these were not very conspicuous".

The sketch accompanying Dr. Stanley's letter shows distinctly the contrasting white tail and dark terminal band, the large white area in each wing at base of primaries,and the contour of the Golden Eagle,in comparison with the longer and narrower wings and less fanlike tail of the Bald Eagle.

H.D.M.

New England Bird Records for August show an early southward movement of most species of land birds. Tree Swallows showed a notable increase. Small mumbers of rails showed the effect of abnormally high water during the breeding season. For t he fifth successive year there was no pronounced migration of southern herons. A northeast storm Aug. 24-25 brought an influx of Jaegers and a flock of 60 Golden Plover, but Shearwaters were few in numbers and the shorebird flight was poor,only Hudsonian Curlew,Black-bellied Plover and Semi-palmated Sandpipers appearing in more than normal numbers. Up to the twentyfifth Black Skimmers were recorded at Plymouth and a Black-headed Gull appeared at Newburyport by August 5. Among the rarities were 2 Yellow Rails at Newburg and a Black Rail on Plum Island,3 Curlew Sandpipers,a Ruff and a Swainson's Hawk all from Essex County. Several Marbeled Godwit and a few Hudsonian Godwits were reported from costal points.

Reports from Rochester,as reported by Wm.L.G.Edson for week ending Nov.9 include Gadwall,Turkey Vulture,Killdeer,Greater Yellow-legs,Common Tern,Snowy Owl, Cedar Waxwing,Evening Grosbeak (at Hilton),Purple Finch,Pine Siskin and White-crowned Sparrow. The following week Whistling swan,Canada Geese,Ruddy Duck,Coot, Tufted Titmouse and Fox Sparrow were included in the list. For the week ending Nov. 23 reports include Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird,Cardinal,Pine Grosbeak,Goldfinch and Red Crossbill. Among the late November records were Great Blue Heron, European Widgeon,Green-w.Teal,Purple Sandpiper,Sanderling,Red-wing,Swamp Sparrow and Snow Bunting.

H.D.Mitchell

Future Events

Wed. Jan.9,1946 Meeting--	Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science Report of the Christmas Census	-- 8 P.M. -Robert Andrle
Wed. Jan.23,1946 Meeting-	Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science Army Bird Observations	--8 P.M. -Larry Murphy

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The Month

December 1945 will be long remembered in Buffalo. Starting at 4:30 P.M. on the 14th, and ending at 8:30 P.M. on the 17th, the area was visited by a snow storm which broke all records for severity. The Weather Bureau at the airport recorded 36.6 inches for this period. Somewhat to the south, in Lancaster, Depew, South Buffalo, and Lackawanna, the heaviest fall occurred, estimated at from sixty to seventy inches. Newspapers throughout the country focused attention on Buffalo and its plight. This column is concerned only with factors affecting bird life, however, and since the unprecedented depth of snow mentioned above was restricted in area, we should examine the picture of our entire territory. After the 14th, western New York was covered with somewhat less or somewhat more than a foot of snow, with accompanying cold so severe that between the 14th and the 25th it averaged 12 degrees above zero, which is 16 degrees below normal. These temperature data are Buffalo figures, and out in the country it was even colder. An ice bridge formed at the Falls on the 18th (earliest on record), and lakes navigation ended on the 20th. Land birds became scarce, and on the river the Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls all but disappeared entirely. This observer, with considerable difficulty, walked through a large stand of conifers in Stafford. The damage done by the heavy snow was tragic. Almost all of the Scotch pines were broken off half-way up their fifty-foot trunks. Most of the cedars were either irreparably bent or entirely uprooted. The white pines and spruces fared better, but many were damaged. The period of cold and snow was broken on Christmas day with heavy rain accompanied by winds which reached a velocity of 54 m.p.h. The remainder of the month was rainy and mild, reducing the depth of snow to two inches. The month ended with a mean temperature of 23.8 degrees, which is five below normal. Total snowfall was 51.1 inches, so that 1945 began with a record-breaking January and ended with a record-breaking December. No previous month in the history of the weather bureau had a fall of snow equalling either of those months.

Noteworthy Records

December 1945

Total number of species to November 30	-	252	
New species for December	-	2	(Redpoll and Purple Sandpiper)
Total for 1945	-	254	
Omitting Red-1. Black Duck		-1	
Final total for 1945 is	-	253	

Common Loon	Dec. 10	7 Niagara Gorge	Mitchell et al
Holboell's Grebe	" 3	1 Navy Island	Beardslee
Horned Grebe	" 9, 10	5 Ft. Erie, Nia. Gorge	Mitchell et al
	" 29	1 Nia. River	Savage, Mitchell
Great Blue Heron	" 8	1 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Savage
	" 28	1 Lyndonville	Smith
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	" 30	1 Nia. Falls	Andrle et al
Gadwall	" 3	1 Nia. Falls	Beardslee
Baldpate	" 10	1 Hyde Park	Mitchell et al
Pintail	" 10	12 Nia. Falls	Mitchell et al
	" 30	5 " "	Andrle et al
Green-winged Teal	" 30	1 " "	Andrle et al
Redhead	" 9,10	9 Bflo. Harbor, Nia. Gorge	Mitchell et al
White-winged Scoter	" 10	3 Nia. Gorge	Mitchell et al
Hooded Merganser	" 3,10	1,1 Nia. Falls	Beardslee: Mitchell et al
Goshawk	" 12	1 near Lockpart	Bourne
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 10	1 Goat Is.	Mitchell et al
Cooper's Hawk	" 6	1 Goat Is.	Beardslee
	" 10	1 Lincoln Pk.	Mitchell et al
	" 2,19,29	3 Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
Rough-legged Hawk	" 8	1 near Chestnut R. Pk.	Bourne
	" 30	3 Gr. Is. & Wilson	Andrle et al
Marsh Hawk	" 20	1 South Buffalo	Andrle
Ring-necked Pheasant	" 20	1 lt.colored, Lyndonville	Smith
Parasitic Jaeger	" 1	1 Nia. R.-Riverside Pk.	Murphy
Glaucous Gull	" 5	1 LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
Ring-b. Gull	" 10	9 Nia. Falls	Mitchell et al
Bonaparte's Gull	" 9	600 Bflo Waterfront	Mitchell
	" 10	5000 Nia. Falls	Mitchell et al
	" 29	15 Nia. River	Savage, Mitchell
Little Gull	" 10	1 Goat Is.	Mitchell et al
Snowy Owl	" 6	1 near Cheektowaga	Bourne
	" 11	1 near Blasdell	Bourne
	" 13	1 near Woodlawn	Bourne
	" 24	1 Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
	" 30	1 Derby	J. Crate Larkin rep. Mitchell
Barred Owl	" 30	2 Youngstown Cem.	Andrle et al
Long-eared Owl	" 10	1 Lincoln Pk.	Mitchell et al
	" 29	2 Lincoln Pk.	Andrle
Short-eared Owl	" 10	1 White Chapel Cem.	Mitchell et al
	" 29	14 " " "	Andrle
	" 29	6 Hamburg	Bourne
Robin	" 28	1 Delaware Park	Blackmer, Reischel
Northern Shrike	" 22,24	3 Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
Meadowlark	" 24	1 Lyndonville	Smith
Bronzed Grackle	" 13	1 Youngstown	Schaffner
Evening Grosbeak	" 4	50-75 Castile	Thompson
	" 20	5 Hamburg	H. Dugan
Common Redpoll	" 2 (F)	1 near Erie Beach	Murphy
White-thr. Sparrow	" 10	1 Delaware Park	Nathan

Christmas Census

December 23, 1945

Centering on Grand Island including Nia. River and adjacent areas, Buffalo Harbor and Niagara Falls. Clear to partly cloudy, temperature 10-15 degrees, avg. 12 in. snow, ice bridge at Falls. Ponds frozen.

Territories and observers:

A Buffalo Harbor, Canadian Shore of Nia. River. Fort Erie to Nia. Falls and Gorge.
Savage, Wright, Dobbs

B Am. Shore of Nia. River. Bird Is. to Goat Island, Hyde Park and Nia. Falls.
Mitchell, Lieut. H. Dugan, Hinegartner, Rogerson, Windsor
Yonker

C Ontario, inland average 4 miles, Ft. Erie to Chippewa, Willoughby Marsh
Andrle, Nathan, Filor, Kim

D Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, LaSalle Quarry and Lincoln Pk.
Wagner

E Grand Island, west of Stony Pt. north of Bedell to river & west of Baseline, north of Staley, south of Bedell to West River.
Seever, Grotke, Feinsinger, Schaffner

F Grand Island, west of Baseline, north of Bush, south of Staley to West River & east of Baseline, south of Love, and south of Bush to river.
Vennill, Vaughan, Brockner

G Grand Island, east of Baseline, north of Whitehaven to Bedell and Ransom and north of Ransom, east of Stony Pt. to East River. North Tonawanda
Doyle, Murphy

Common Loon 1, (B), Double-crested Cormorant 1 (A), Great Blue Heron 1 (E), Black-crowned Night Heron 1 (A), Mallard 251, Black Duck 448, Baldpate 3 (B), Pintail 1 (B), Redhead 9 (A,F), Canvasback 210, Greater and Lesser Scaup 848, Am. Golden-eye 3069, Bufflehead 112 (102A), Old-squaw 166, Hooded Merganser 1 (B), Am. Merganser 526, Red-breasted Merganser 170, Red-tailed Hawk 12, Rough-legged Hawk 11, Sparrow Hawk 18, Pheasant 170, Purple Sandpiper 1 (A), Glaucous Gull 3 (A,D), Great Black-backed Gull 93 (59A), Herring Gull 2368, Ring-billed Gull 5 (G,G), Bonaparte's Gull 75, Mourning Dove 23, (17 E,C,G), Great Horner Owl 2 (F,G) Snowy Owl 1 (G), Barred Owl 2 (E), Long-eared Owl 4, (C,D,E in D), Short-eared Owl 5 (B in E&G, E), Red-headed Woodpecker 2 (F), Hairy Woodpecker 10, Downy Woodpecker 28, Bluejay 15, Crow 125, Black-capped Chickadee 193, White-breasted Nuthatch 23, Brown Creeper 10, Northern Shrike 5(C,E,F,B in E), Starling 505, English Sparrow 815, Meadowlark 1 (G), Cardinal 9 (A,B), Goldfinch 3 (C), Junco 20, Tree Sparrow 85, Song Sparrow 1 (C), Snow Bunting 1 (D).
52 species; 10,522 individuals.

COMMENTS. 1. Canvasbacks and Scaups were fewer in number as compared with former years. Golden-eyes were more abundant and Bufflehead and Old-squaw were over twice as numerous as in most previous years.

2. The Purple Sandpiper was found at Fort Erie along the wall at the Peace Bridge. This is the first Christmas census this bird has occurred since it was first seen in this area on the census in 1938.

3. The greatest number of Bl.-b. Gulls ever seen on a Christmas census was counted. Apparently the cold and snow of the previous week caused most of the Bonaparte's Gulls to leave.

4. Five Northern Shrikes were observed, four of them along the West River of Grand Island.

5. The two Barred Owls on Grand Is. seemed unusual as it is very rarely reported from there. Starlings were much less numerous than usual, only fourteen being reported from Grand Island.

6. Even though many weeds were exposed in most fields, there was a notable lack of Tree Sparrows and northern Finches.

7. Birds which have been seen on previous censuses and which were missed on this are Ruffed Grouse, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cooper's Hawk and Red-wing.

8. On December 29 and 30, a Horned Grebe and a Green-winged Teal were seen. The leader thanks all those who participated in this census for their cooperation.

R. F. Andrle

Notes

Reports from Rochester and vicinity, as reported by Wm. L. G. Edson for the first week of December, include Short-eared Owl, Prairie Horned Lark, Mockingbird, Northern Shrike, Red-wing, and Redpoll. The following week's records included Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Mourning Dove, Winter Wren, and a very unusual record of a Mourning Warbler near Glen Haven. Few birds were noted for the cold and stormy week ending Dec. 21, but a Carolina Wren was recorded. The Christmas Census on Dec. 23 totalled 46 species and 2021 individuals. Some of the most interesting birds recorded were Red-throated Loon 1, Pied-B. Grebe 1, Eider, female ? sp 1, White-w. Scoter 2, Snowy Owl 1, Belted Kingfisher1, Red-br. Nuthatch 1, Winter Wren 1, Carolina Wren 1 (at feeder), Mockingbird 2 (at feeded), Northern Shrike 1, Cardinal 14, Pine Grosbeak 2, and Song Sparrow 6.

New England Bird Notes for September indicated an early southward movement of many species, but without any marked migration waves. There was a fair hawk migration at Mt. Tom and a notable flight at Cape Rosin, Me. with peaks about Sept. 16 and 17. The warbler and thrush migrations were poor. Among the rareties were White Pelican at Plymouth on the 15th, Louisiana Heron in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge on the 22nd, a Cory's Least Bittern at Marshfield Sept 1, a Curlew Sandpiper at Newburyport Sept 1, Buff-breasted Sandpipers at Beauford, Conn. Sept 4 and Nantucket on the 7th. An individual of one of the races of Larus Canus (Short-billed Gull, etc.) was seen on the outer cape Sept 2 & 4. A Sabine's Gull was seen at sea off Chatham on the 3rd and the Black-headed Gull was again observed at Newburyport. Birds out of their normal range were White-eyed Vireo at Cape Rosier, Me. Sept. 13, a Worm-eating Warbler on Nantucket Sept 21, and a Clay-colored Sparrow at Belmont Sept 9 & 13. Several thousand Nighthawks were seen Sept 2 in migration at Ogonquit, Me. Black Skimmers were seen up to Sept 9 when 28 were reported at Plymouth.

H. D. M.

An unusual Goose was observed on Dec. 13 by Arthur Schaffner on Grand Island near the North bridge. In general it had the appearance of a white-fronted Goose, Anser albifrons, but lacked the white area at base of bill, and the black breast markings, although there were heavy brown markings. The tail was white, with a black band, and white again at the tip. Bill and feet appeared to be orange. When it flew it rose very quickly and its flight was less labored and size smaller than a Canada Goose. Notes were similar to the "wah, wah, wah" as described for the White-fronted Goose. Would an immature bird of this species have the above characteristics? Examination of speciman may aid in answering this question.

H.D.M.

Future Events

Meetings:

Humboldt Room, Museum of Science, 8 P.M.

Wed. Feb. 13. Bird Banding Experiences- Ray M. Verrill

Wed. Feb. 27. Recent Bird Literature- Gertrude Webster

Field Trips:

Sun. Feb. 3. -Hamburg and Chestnut Ridge. Meet 9 A.M. City Hall
Bring lunch. Leader-Ed. Seever Tel: Ri 8739

Sun. Mar. 3. - Grand Island. Meet 9 A.M. Delaware Ave. & Hertel Ave.
Bring lunch. Leader-H.D. Mitchell Tel: Un 8532

Receipt of records of bird observations for January by Feb. 7 will allow an earlier publication of the February number. H.D.Mitchell

Hayes Lectures: Auditorium, Museum of Science, 3 P.M.

Sun. Feb 10 - Bird Magic in Mexico. - Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Sun. Mar 10 - High Country. - Alfred M. Bailey

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The Month

January was much kinder to both men and birds than the preceding month had been. Only 10.7 inches of snow fell, and of this low total no fall as great as three inches was registered in any one day. Total precipitation was only 1.03 inches, making it the second driest January on record. There were three days when the temperature dropped to zero or below, and four other days when it was nine degrees or less; but the mean for the month was three and one-half degrees above normal, owing to an early January thaw. This was the outstanding feature of the month. Starting on the third and ending on the twelfth, it melted all that remained of December's ice and snow. The period averaged sixteen degrees warmer than normal, with a high of 61 recorded on the sixth. With the combination of bare ground and mild temperatures, a few land birds were encouraged to return to western New York, but bird-wise, January was still notable for the lack of the usual number of wintering hawks, sparrows, kinglets, nuthatches, robins, woodpeckers, horned larks, longspurs, snowflakes, and crows. Evening Grosbeaks were well represented, and Noteworthy Records will reveal other good records, but generally speaking it was mighty difficult to find land birds during the entire month. Chickadees alone seemed unaffected by the severe weather of December, and were common everywhere.

CSB

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	Jan. 13	2 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Schaffner
Great Blue Heron	" 1	1 Dufferin Is., Ont.	Mitchell et al
	" 13	2 near Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
Black-cr. Night Heron	" 1	1 Goat Island	Mitchell et al
	" 4	1 " "	Beardslee
Baldpate	" 1	2 Goat Island	Mitchell et al
	" 17	1 " "	Bourne, Savage
Pintail	" 1,4	3 Goat Island	Mitchell, et al
		10 " "	Beardslee
		2 " "	Bourne
	" 20	14 " "	Brockner
Redhead	" 20	1 Niagara Falls	Thorpe et al
Canvasback	"	Maximum 1000	Several members
Bufflehead	" 1	15 Niagara River	Mitchell et al, Savage
	" 8	26 Pt. Abino	Filor, Wagner
	" 27	5 Niagara River, Queenston	Nathan, Filor

Red-breasted Merganser	Jan.		Niagara River, Dunkirk, Niagara Falls	Reports from several members
Goshawk	"	9	1 Soule Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
	"	15	1 Grand Island	Doyle
	"	16	1 Grand Island	Seeber
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	1	1 Tonawanda	Mitchell et al
	"	2	1 Bird Island Pier	Wagner
Cooper's Hawk	"	7	Records from scattered localities	Many members
Red-tailed Hawk	"	8	Individuals from Grand Island, Ontario, Chestnut Ridge Park	Many members
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	20	1 Grand Island	Doyle
Rough-legged Hawk	"	1	3 Grand Island	Mitchell et al
			3 " "	Wagner
	"	2	1 " "	Seeber, Grotke
	"	20	1 " "	Thorpe et al
	"	24	2 " "	Seeber
	"		1 " "	Savage, Wright
	"	27	1 Angola	Wagner
Marsh Hawk	"	15	2 Grand Island	Doyle
	"	19	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
Ruffed Grouse	"	6	2 Zoar Valley	Brockner
	"	20	1 Toad Hollow	Wagner
Glaucous Gull	"	1-9	1,2 Fuhrmann Blvd.	Several members
	"	17	1 Dunkirk	Beardslee
	"	16	2 LaSalle Quarry	Andrle
	"	28	1 " "	Seeber
Iceland Gull	"	1	1 Fuhrmann Blvd.	Thorpe et al
Kumlien's Gull	"	31	1 River Rd., North Tonawanda	Bourne
Ring-billed Gull	"	10	5 Goat Island	Bourne
	"	17	" "	"
Bonaparte's Gull	"	1	81 Niagara River	Mitchell et al Savage
	"	2	1 Beaver Island	Seeber, Grotke
	"	8	4 Peace Bridge	Filor, Wagner
	"	12	12 Ft. Sheridan Drive	Andrle
Mourning Dove	"	20	2 Hamburg	Savage, Bourne
Screech Owl	"	20	1 Cazenovia Park	Andrle et al
	"	27	1 Evans	Wagner
Great Horned Owl	"	8	1 Oak Orchard	Beardslee
	"	11	1 Youngstown Cemetery	Doyle, Murphy
	"	15,16	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Snowy Owl	"	4	1 Grand Island	Beardslee
	"	5,8, 12	1 Amherst	Several members
	"	11	1 Grand Island	Doyle, Murphy
	"	12	1 Bflo. Water Works	Andrle
	"	13	1 Cheektowaga	Innes rep. Seeber
	"	16	1 Grand Island	Beardslee
	"	27	1 Angola	Wagner
Barred Owl	"	22	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Long-eared Owl	Dec.	30	2 North Forest Rd.	Wagner
	Jan.	5,18,20	2 Lincoln Park	Several members
	"	12	2 North Forest Rd.	Andrle
	"	13	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Nathan, Filor
Short-eared Owl	"	5,18,20	10-14 White ChapelCem.	Several members
	"	20	14 Ransom Rd., Gr. Is.	Doyle

Flicker	Jan.	1	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	13	1 U.B. Campus	Quilter, rep. Mitchell
	"	17	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner
Pileated Woodpecker	"	15,24	1 near Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	2,16	1 Grand Island	Seeber, Grotke
Prairie Horned Lark	"	27	4 Angola	Wagner
Tufted Titmouse	"	13	2 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	20	2 "	Bourne, Savage
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1	1 Hamburg	Thorpe et al
Brown Creeper	"		19 individuals from various localities	Many members
Catbird	"	14	1 Point Abino	Doyle
Robin	"	1	1 Merrimac Ave.	Andrle
	"	4	1 Lisbon Ave.	Drewlau rep. Webster
	"	13	1 Hamburg	Nathan, Filor
	"	15	1 Wanakah	H. Larkin
	"	27	3 Brock's Monument	Nathan, Filor
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	1	4 Hamburg	Thorpe et al Bourne
	"	4	3 Grand Island	Beardslee
	"	13	2 Hamburg	Nathan, Filor
	"	18	1 "	Wilson
Cedar Waxwing	"	18	9 Hamburg	Seeber, Grotke
Northern Shrike	"	1	1 Irving	Thorpe et al
	"	1	1 Grand Island	Savage
	"	8	2 near Pt. Abino, Ont.	Filor, Wagner
	"	13	1 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Schaffner
	"	20	1 Langford, N.Y.	Wilson
	"	23	1 Oak Orchard	Beardslee
	"	24	1 Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
	"	27	3 Tuscarora Reser.	Nathan, Filor
	"	29	1 E. Eden	Wilson
	"	30	1 Big Tree, N.Y.	Bourne
Red-wing	"	8	1 Lyndonville	W.A. Smith
Evening Grosbeak	Dec.	15	15 East Aurora	Wild
	"	16	4 " "	"
	"	18	4 " "	"
Evening Grosbeak	Jan.		1-26 Hamburg	Many members
	"	Mid.	50 East Aurora	Mrs. Vossler rep. Mitchell
	"	27	7 East Aurora	Mitchell et al
	"	26	15 North Boston	Percy Miller rep. Almendinger
Pine Grosbeak	"	13	2 Chestnut Ridge Park	Nathan, Filor
Goldfinch	"	20	1 Grand Island	Thorpe, Nathan et al
Red Crossbill	"	8	2 Cherry Hill Golf Course, Pt. Abino	Filor, Wagner
White-throated Sparrow	"	8	1 Stafford, N.Y.	Beardslee
Song Sparrow	"	4	1 Grand Island	Beardslee
	All Jan.		2 East Aurora	J. Chamberlain
Snow Bunting	Jan.	24	35 Hamburg	Wilson

The following species were also reported in January" Mallard, Black Duck, Greater Scaup, American Golden-eye, Old Squaw, Am. Merganser, Sparrow Hawk, Pheasant, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Blue Jay, Crow, Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Starling, English Sparrow, Cardinal, Junco, Tree Sparrow.

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Notes

Rochester Bird Records for January as reported by W.L.G. Edson for the week ending Jan. 4 include 4 owls, Screech, Snowy, Long-eared, and Short-eared, also Winter Wren, Cardinal, and Song Sparrow. In the succeeding week, Rough Legged Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, Pine Grosbeak, and Snow Bunting were among the birds observed. Snowy Owls were seen 3 succeesive weeks. During the last week of January Prairie Horned Lark and Mockingbird were seen.

New England Bird Record for October 1945 mentions early arrival of Evening Grosbeaks, indicating a heavy winter flight. The weather for October was normal throughout New England, with no marked migration waves, and with many late warbler records, with unusual number of reports of Orange-crowned Warblers and of White-crowned Sparrows. The migration of dabbling ducks was disappointing. There were several records of Snowy Owls and Northern Shrikes. Among the rarities observed were Black-headed Gull, 1 Arkansas Kingbird, 2 Blue Grosbeaks, and 2 Dickcissels. 2 Golden Eagles passed by Mt. Tom in migration on Oct. 4 and 8. It is noteworthy that the peak migration of Ruby-crowned Kinglets was Oct. 13-25 in Eastern Mass. with maximum of 25 on Oct. 18, while Golden-crowned Kinglets peak migration was Oct. 10-20, with maximum of 60 on Oct. 14. In Western New York our Ruby-crowned Kinglets pass through a little earlier in the fall than the Golden-crowns, and they are usually more common here than the maximums above indicated for New England.

In the Cleveland Bird Calendar appear the following records of Snowy Owl observations:

Ripley, N.Y.	Oct. 28	1 on fence post	Adela Gaede
"	Nov. 12	1 seen for several days near lake	C.E. Cenley
"	26	6	C.E. Cenley

Also it is interesting to note that several Parasitic Jaegers, seldom seen in the Cleveland region, were observed from Oct. 2 to Nov. 25, while a Pomarine Jaeger was collected at Richmond Beach on Oct. 15

H.D. Mitchell

The Adult Education Program of the Museum will include in its spring class schedule a course, " Birds of Springtime", taught by William C. Vaughan. The class will meet Thursday evenings beginning March 7 and continuing for ten weeks. It will include in addition to the lectures, field trips at the convenience of instructor and students.

Would you like to receive your Prothonotary earlier in the month? You can help us by sending your bird records to Robert Andrle, 59 Blantyre Road, phone TA 1411, promptly at the beginning of each month.

Hayes Lectures : Auditorium, Buffalo Museum of Science, 3 P.M.

Sunday, March 10 -- High Country -- Alfred M. Bailey

Sunday, April 7 -- From Seashore to Glacier -- Edna Maslowski

Future Events

Meetings: Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science, 8 P.M.

Wednesday, March 13 -- Recent Literature About Birds -- Gertrude Webster

Wednesday, March 27 -- Birds in Battle -- Winston Brockner
Plans for spring duck census

Field Trips

Sunday, March 31 -- Trip to Sinks. Meet at Main Street, city line.
Leader to be announced.

Sunday, April 7 -- Spring duck census.

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Precipitation occurred on every day during February excepting the twelfth, yet the daily fall was usually slight, and the total for the month was only 2.47 inches, compared with normal of 2.95. Temperatures for the first half of the month averaged five degrees higher than normal, and at no time during that period was there as much as one inch of snow covering the ground. More severe weather followed, and the lower temperatures were accompanied by enough snow to maintain a rather even five inch blanket on the ground. As this is written, we have no Snow Bunting records for either January or February, and even the Prairie Horned Larks were late in arriving and very poorly represented when they did come. In fact, the abundance of Noteworthy Records appearing below does not alter the fact that most of the land birds mentioned in our previous column continued to be very scarce. Evening Grosbeaks were reported from many localities — it was the best winter for them in many years — and the Killdeer records, while not unprecedented, were exceptionally interesting. On the 14th gale force winds from the southwest prevailed all forenoon, reaching an extreme velocity of 70 mph. at 9:06 A.M.

C.S.B.

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	Feb.	16	1 Lake Ontario, off Youngstown Cem.	Murphy
Black-cr. Night Heron	"	2	2 Forest Lawn	Wagner
	"	24	1 Forest Lawn	Andrle
*Canada Goose	"	13F	24 so. Grand Island	Seeber
	"	22	25 Kenmore	rep. Courier Express
	"	23	5 Niagara River	Savage
Redhead	"	3	30 Sunken Island	Doyle, Murphy
	"	16	2 Sunken Island	Several members
			3 off Thorn Thicket	
			3 Buffalo Harbor	
Canvasback	"	12	200 off Thorn Thicket	Webster, Moore
	"	17	700 Niagara River	Mitchell, Brockne
Bufflehead	"	4	1 Ellicott Creek	Wagner
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	16	1 Wilson Cemetery	Murphy
Rough-legged Hawk	"	9	4 Grand Island	Doyle, Murphy
Bald Eagle	"	3F	1 Buckhorn Island	Murphy, Doyle

Goshawk	Feb. 3	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Seeber et al
	" 5	2 Wheatfield, Bell Plant	Filor, Schaffner
	" 12	1 Grand Island	Webster, Moor
	" 16	1 Brock's Monument	Doyle, Murphy
	" 21	1 Niagara River, Black Creek	Savage
Marsh Hawk	" 2	1 Grand Island	Wright, Nath
	" 5	1 Tonawanda	Filor, Schaff
	" 27	1 Grand Island	Doyle
*Duck Hawk	" 12	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Schaffner
*Killdeer	" 5F	1 Holland	Becker rep. James
	" 11	1 Holland	James
Glaucous Gull	" 1,5,10,24	1,5,1 Fuhrmann Blvd.	Several member
	" 22,23	2 LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
Iceland Gull	" 3	1 Bird Island	Brockner
	" 5	1 LaSalle Quarry	Andrle
	" 22	1 LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
	" 23	1 Fuhrmann Blvd.	Mitchell
Ring-billed Gull	" 3	1 Bird Island	Brockner
	" 10,17	1 Lewiston	Several member
	" 16,17	8 Grand Island and Tonawanda	Several member
Mourning Dove	" 28	2 Niagara Falls	Rogerson
*Barn Owl	" 16	2 Youngstown Cemetery	Doyle, Murphy
Screech Owl	" 23	1 U. of Buffalo Campus	Wagner
Great Horned Owl	" 9	Nest Grand Island	Doyle, Murphy
	" 27	1 dead, N2E cold Grand Island	Doyle
Snowy Owl	Jan.15	1 Jefferson&Swan Sts.	Nathan
	Feb.22	1 E. Eden	Creighton
	" 28	1 off Riverside Park	Brockner
Barred Owl	" 24	1 Wilson Cemetery	Nathan, Filor
Long-eared Owl	" 16,22	2,3 N. Forest Rd.	Andrle, Wagner et al
Short-eared Owl	" 5,16,17	Max.15, White Chapel Cemetery	Several member
	" 27	11 Grand Island	Doyle
	" 27	1 U. of Buffalo Campus	Wagner
Pileated Woodpecker	" 3	1 Chestnut Ridge Pk.	Seeber et al
	" 6	1 Holland	Becker rep. James
	" 18	1 Clarksburg	Wilson
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 3,16,17	1-2 Grand Island	Several member
	" 24	1 Youngstown	Nathan, Filor
Prairie Horned Lark	" 3	2 Chestnut Ridge	Bourne
	" 9	1,2 Tonawanda, N. Bflo.	Wagner, Andrle
	" 12	7 Grand Island	Webster, Moore
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 3	2 Hamburg& Chestnut Ridge Park	Seeber et al
*Winter Wren	" 10	1 East Aurora	Brockner
Robin	" 11	1 Jamestown	rep. newspaper
	" 12	1 Jamestown	E. Anderson rep.Mitchel
	" 16	1 Brock's Monument	Doyle, Murphy
Golden-crowned Kinglet	" 3	2 Chestnut Ridge Pk.	Seeber et al
	" 5	2 Tonawanda	Filor, Schaffn
	" 9	1 Tonawanda	Wagner
	" 10	2 Wilson	Wagner
	" 17	5 Wilson	Mitchell et al

Northern Shrike	" 4	1 Big Tree	Bourne
	" 5	1 Clarksburg	Bourne
Cedar Waxwing	" 16	17 Hamburg	Wilson
	" 24	9 Bird Island	Andrle et al
*Meadowlark	" 24	1 near Spencerport	Martin, rep. Museum
	" 27	1 Grand Island	Doyle
Evening Grosbeak	" 2	33 East Aurora	Mitchell
	" 3	5 Hamburg	Seeber et al
	" 3	1 Toad Hollow	Seeber et al
	All month	Small flocks, Castile	Thompson
	Feb. 3	11,19 East Aurora	Wander
	" 9-23	25 Holland	Becker, James
	" 20	10 Hamburg	Bourne
* Common Redpoll	" 12	1 Ft. Erie	Schaffner
	" 16	30 Youngstown Cemetery	Doyle, Murphy
	" 17	3 Wilson Cemetery	Mitchell et al
Goldfinch	" 16	2 Brock's Monument	Doyle, Murphy
	" 17	7 Wilson	Mitchell et al
	" 24	1 Youngstown	Nathan, Filor
Song Sparrow	" 12	1 Niagara Falls	Wagner
	" 23	1 Bird Island	Mitchell
	" 27	1 Castile	Thompson
* Lapland Longspur	" 24	30 bt. Wilson & Youngstown	Nathan, Filor
Snow Bunting	Dec. 9	50 Holland	James

Total species for January -- 70
*New for February -- 9
Total to date 79

Notes

Rochester Bird Records for February, as reported by W.L.G. Edson for the week ending February 8 include Glaucous Gull, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Prairie Horned Lark, Mockingbird, Pine Grosbeak, and Purple Finch. During the following week Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Robin, Cardinal, and Redpoll were among those reported. In the succeeding week Red-throated Loon, Red-shouldered Hawk, Winter Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Northern Shrike, and Pine Siskin were included in the list, while among the records for the final week of the month were a nesting Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owls, Meadowlark, and Song Sparrow.

New England Bird Records for November 1945 (which was an unusually warm month, with heavy rainfall in the southern area) were highlighted by the greatest Snowy Owl invasion since 1941, which agrees with our experience in the Niagara Frontier region. The Northern Shrike was also seen in many places, and Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Grosbeaks appeared in some numbers. The fresh water duck flight was poor, especially that of the Wood Duck, and there was only 1 Wilson Snipe report. Among the rarities were 3 Pacific Loon, a White-fronted and a Lesser Snow Goose at Fresh Pond, Cambridge, Black-headed Gull at Newburyport, many Dovekie (driven inland by storms), Arkansas Kingbird at 3 localities, Acadian Chickadee at Haverhill, Yellow-throated Vireo Nov. 1 at Edgartown, Chat (subsp.?) Nov. 23 at Madison, Conn., Dickcissel at Hampden, Me., and Oregon Junco at Fresh Pond.

H.D.Mitchell

J.W. McInally of Simcoe, Ont., reports 1 Pied-billed Grebe at Port Ryerse Jan. 1, 61 Evening Grosbeaks at Turkey Point Jan. 13, and a Catbird Nov. 18, 1945, also large numbers of Snowy Owls in that county.

K.Praemassing

Activities Committee

The Activities Committee asks all members to keep records of migration of all species throughout our territory, including common species such as crows and starling as well as the species usually considered as migratory birds. Date, number seen, location, direction of flight, and direction of wind should be reported. It is just as important to record a late flight of Redwings, Apr. 10, at Wanakah, flying NE when wind is West, as to report the earliest March flight. While we have many reports from the lake shores, more are needed, and we need particularly records from the Southern tier of counties and along the ridges leading in a more or less North-South direction.

The prime object of this program is to determine the migratory highways of all species under various weather conditions, and secondarily to learn more about migration in some parts of our territory which have not been well covered in the past.

The Committee also requests all members to keep records of nests, with eggs and with young, and of broods just out of nest. We lack much data on nesting records of many species, including some fairly common birds, such as, for example, the Chimney Swift, and we could use more data on nesting of the abundant English Sparrow. Nesting data especially needed on such birds as Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, Duck Hawk, Pigeon Hawk, Saw-whet Owl, Whippoorwill, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Olive-backed Thrush, Warbling Vireo, Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers, Cardinal, Purple Finch, Grasshopper and Lincoln's Sparrows, to mention only a few.

Records should be mailed to Bernard Nathan, Hotel Stuyvesant, Buffalo 9, New York as near the first of each month as possible.

H.D.M.

Future Events

A tentative date for the spring Rymatuning trip has been set for the week-end of May 11 and 12. Complete details will be given in the April issue.

Saturday morning walks in Delaware Park will begin on April 27.

Hayes Lecture: Auditorium, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 3 P.M.
Sunday, April 7 —"From Seashore to Glacier"— Edna Maslowski

Meetings: Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8 P.M.
Wednesday, April 10 — Results of Spring Duck Census
"Birding in the Pacific" — Ward Klepfer

Wednesday, April 24 — Harold D. Mitchell, subject to be announced.

Field Trips
Sunday, March 31 — Trip to sinks. Leader to be announced.
Meet at Main Street, city line, at 8 A.M.

Sunday, April 7 — Spring Duck Census. Leader, John Doyle.

Sunday, April 28 — Trip along American Shore south to Irving.
Meet in front of City Hall, 7:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 19 — Seventeenth Annual Spring Census!
KEEP THIS DATE OPEN!

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The Month

One year ago we wrote, "It is hardly to be expected that the record set by March 1945 will be approached for many years to come. Mean temperature was 44.4 degrees, which compares with normal of 31.3 for March. As a matter of fact, the month was warmer than an average April." But March 1946 not only approached but actually surpassed this remarkable record. Mean temperature was 44.5 degrees. Not only did this establish a new mark, but another was set by the total snowfall for the month, which was represented by "T" (trace, an amount too small to measure). Moreover, only in 1910 was more sunshine recorded. The remarkable weather was reflected in arrival dates of all our early migrants. Reference to the Noteworthy Records below will reveal many extremely early records, and some without any precedent. Even last year's dates were beaten in almost every instance. We urge our readers to review Noteworthy Records for the past five years in order to appreciate fully the remarkable nature of the weather which we enjoyed during the March of 1946.

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Noteworthy Records

March 1946

Horned Grebe	March	28 F	6	Oak Orchard	Beardslee
Pied-billed Grebe	"	17 F	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Thorpe et al
Great Blue Heron	"	10 F	4	Grand Island	Rogerson, Savage
Black-crn Night Heron	"	31	100	Wickwire, Tona	Murphy
American Bittern	"	28 F	1	Oak Orchard	Beardslee
White Swan	"	16 F	1	Cassadaga Lake	Seeber, Doyle
Whistling Swan	"	12 F	63	Niagara River off N.Gr. Is.	Mitchell, Beardslee, Heingardner
	"	15	75	Chautauqua Lake	Ferry operator, rep.Mitchell
	"	16	9	Cuba and Chau. Lake	Seeber, Doyle
	"	17	2	Oak Orchard	Thorpe, Doyle et al
	"	21	1	Strawberry Is.	Brockner
	"	27	1	Oak Orchard	Doyle, Wrights
Canada Goose	"	7	17	North Boston	Bourne
	"	8	2000	Yates, N. Shelby, Wolcottsville, Shadigee	Somerside
	"	16	14	Lewiston	Somerside, Brockner
	"	17	140	Lyndonville	Doyle
	"	17	150,32	Shelby, Transit Rd.	Thorpe et al

Canada Goose	March	all month	max.6500	Oak Orchard	Many members
*Lesser Snow Goose	"	8	1	Oak Orchard	Somerside
*Blue Goose	"	12F	20	Oak Orchard	Mayo rep. Doyle
	"	17-31	6-9	Oak Orchard	Many members
	"	23	1	Alden	Webster
*European Widgeon	"	30F	1	Newstead Sinks	Vaughan etal
Baldpate	"	3F	2	Sunken Island	Mitchell et al
Pintail	"	3F	2	Sunken Island	Mitchell et al
*Green-w. Teal	"	7F	4 4	Oak Orchard	Doyle
*Blue-w. Teal	"	17F	5	Oak Orchard	Ulrichs, Doyle
*Shoveller	"	15F	2	Grand Island	Somerside
	"	17-31	max.20	Oak Orchard	Several members
*Wood Duck	"	30F	6	Jaquin's Pond, Clymer,N.Y.	Doyle, Murphy
*Ring-necked Duck	"	12F	1	Buffalo Harbor	Savage
	"	15	3	Grand Island	Somerside
	"	17-31	max. 50	Oak Orchard and Sinks	Many members
Canvasback	"	13	1000	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
*White-winged Scoter	"	26F	2	Beaver Island	Seeber
*Ruddy Duck	"	25F	1	Oak Orchard	Doyle, Murphy
*Hooded Merganser	"	10F	2	Grand Island	Savage
	"	12	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
	"	12	4	Oak Orchard	Mayo rep.Doyle
	"	14-16	max.16	Grand Island and Niagara River	Somerside, Doyle, Brockner
*Turkey Vulture	"	8F	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	13-31	1,2	Oak Orchard	Many members
	"	23	1	Alden	Webster
	"	30	5	Bear Lake	Doyle, Murphy
Goshawk	"	19	1	dead Oak Orchard	Filor, Wagner, Keim
	"	26	1	S. Grand Island	Seeber
	"	31	1	Bear Swamp	Thorpe et al
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	6F	2	Hamburg	Bourne
Rough-legged Hawk	"	all month	8	individuals from Grand Island andother localities	Many members
Bald Eagle	"	3	1	Strawberry Island	Mitchell et al
	"	15	1	Grand Island	Doyle
	"	16	2	and nest Navy Is.	Somerside, Brockner
	"	29	2	Niagara Falls	Beardslee
*Pigeon Hawk	"	4	1	Oak Orchard	Doyle, Murphy
*Coot	"	31F	1	Tifft St.	Savage
*Woodcock	"	6F	1	flight song Eden	Creightons
*Wilson's Snipe	"	23F	1	Oak Orchard	Wright, Nathan
*Greater Yellow-legs	"	16F	1	near Eden	Bourne
	"	28	1	Beaver Island	Doyle
Glaucous Gull	"	1	1	Ransom Rd.Gr.Is.	Doyle
	"	4,6	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Doyle, Murphy
	"	16	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Mitchell
Iceland Gull	"	1	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Doyle
	"	15	1	Coast Guard St.	Bourne
	"	17	1	Buffalo Harbor	Vaughan et al
	"	23	1	La Salle Quarry	Wagner
Bonaparte's Gull	"	16F	1	LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
	"	29	17	Niagara River	Savage

Snowy Owl	Decem. 10,'45	2	Transit Rd. S. of Lockport	Harris
	March 11	1	Holland	Pratt
	" 13	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Mitchell
	" 17	1	Arcade	rep. Thorpe
	" 20	1	ft. Genesee St.	Almendinger
	" 23	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Eames
	" 24	1	Ellicott Cr. Rd.	Tilleys
	" 25	1	Oak Orchard	Doyle, Murphy
	" 29	1	Strawberry Island	Brockner
	" 31	2	near Clarence Center	Thorpe et al
Great Horned Owl	" 30	6	Youngstown Cem.	Wright et al
Barred Owl	" 1	1	Oak Orchard	Doyle
	" 2	1	Cassadaga	Murphy
	" 2	2	Youngstown Cem.	Wright et al
Long-eared Owl	" 17	2	Frewsburg, N.Y.	Beal, Sundell
Short-eared Owl	" 3	1	dead, Thorn Thicket,	Mitchell et al
	" 9,10/10,6		White Chapel Cem. Cemetery	Andrle, Windsor
	" 31	1	Akron	Thorpe et al
	" 31	4	Rock House Pt.	Doyle et al
	"	5	records Gr. Is.	Andrle, Doyle
Mourning Dove	" 2	6	Youngstown Cem.	Wright
*Belted Kingfisher	" 16F	1	Cuba Lake	Seeber, Doyle
Flicker	" 9	1	Rock House Point	Doyle
Pileated Woodpecker	" 3,17	1	near Jamestown	Beal
	" 17	1	Chestnut Rdg. Pk.	Bourne
*Phoebe	" 17F	1,1,1	Clarksburg, O.O., Holland	Creightons Thorpe et al, Hames
*Northern Horned Lark	" 9F	2	Alabama	Wright, Nathan
*Tree Swallow	" 24F	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
Tufted Titmouse	" 23	1	Jamestown	Beal
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 3	1	Whitehaven Cem.	Mitchell et al
	" 14,16	1,1	Hamburg	Wilson, Bourne
Winter Wren	" 17F	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Savage
	" 26	1	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Johnston
*Robin	" 3F	2,2	Elma, Cheektowaga,	Simmons, Bflo. Ev. News
*Bluebird	" 2F	1	Wilson Cem.	Wright et al
*Pipit	" 16F	1	Redhouse, Alleg. Pk.	Doyle, Seeber
	" 24	40	Cassadaga	Nathan, Filor
	" 30	1	Clymer, N.Y.	Doyle, Murphy
Cedar Waxwing	" 3	6	Bond Lake	Seeber, Grotke
Northern Shrike	" 1	1	Ransom Rd.	Doyle
	" 7,17	1,1	Oak Orchard	Doyle
	" 24	1	Wehrle Dr. Ext.	Thorpe
*Migrant Shrike	" 17F	1,1	Corfu, O.O.	Mitchell, Thorpe et al
	" 28	1	Thorn Thicket	Doyle
Redwing	" 2F	2	Youngstown Cem.	Wright et al
*Rusty Blackbird	" 17F	30	Oak Orchard	Thorpe et al
*Bronzed Grackle	" 3F	3	Nia. Falls	Mrs. T. Kelly
*Cowbird	" 2F	17	Youngstown Cem.	Wright et al
Evening Grosbeak	" 1	4	Bear Lake	Murphy
	" 2	33	E. Aurora	Mitchell
	" 3-31	100	Holland	Pratt
	" 12	200	Holland	Custard, rep. James
	" all month in numbers			Castile, Thompson
Redpoll	" 2,3	45, 50	Wilson Cem.	Wright, Mitchell et al
	" 3	17	Youngstown Cem.	Seeber, Grotke
	" 30	1	Chestnut Rdg. Pk.	Verrill

*Purple Finch	March daily	1	East Aurora	Wander
*Pine Siskin	" 3F	4	Wilson Cem.	Andrle et al
Goldfinch	" 3	1	Wilson Cem.	Mitchell et al
	" 30	12	Clymer, N.Y.	Doyle, Murphy
*Towhee	" 28F	1	Holland	Verrill
*Vesper Sparrow	" 17F	1	Oak Orchard	Thrope et al
*Field Sparrow	" 24F	1	Fredonia	Nathan, Filor
*Fox Sparrow	" 17F		Castile	Thompson
*Swamp Sparrow	" 28F	1	Oak Orchard	Beardslee
Song Sparrow	" 6F	14	individuals from widespread localities	Many members
Lapland Longspur	" 2	1	Dunkirk	Murphy

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Notes

Notes from Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. Week ending Mardh 8: Canada Goose, Redhead, Killdeer, Coot, Iceland Gull, Bonaparte's Gull (extremely early), Red-bellied Woodpecker, Robin, Bluebird, Cedar Waxwing, Red-wing, Pine Grosbeak, Snow Bunting. Prize record was of one Bohemian Waxwing in flock of Cedar Waxwings, Durand Eastman Park, March 3.
Week ending March 15: Baldpate, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Ring Necked Duck, Glaucous Gull, Winter Wren, Mockingbird.
Week ending March 22" Red-throated Loon, Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Whistling Swan, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Lesser Scaup, Pigeon Hawk, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Snowy Owl, Phoebe, Mockingbird, Bohemian Waxwing, Red Crossbill.
Week ending March 29: Flicker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet (early), Bohemian Waxwing, Rusty Blackbird, Fox Sparrow. Bonaparte's Gull was unreported for the last three weeks in March.

Records of New England Birds (M.A.S.). For December: Pacific Loon (2), Western Grebe (1), White-fronted Goose (1), Barrow's Golden-eye (2), Harlequin Duck (3), Northern Phalarope (1), European Black-headed Gull (1), Short-billed Gull (subsp?) (1), Arkansas Kingbird (4), Acadian Chickadee (2), Black-throated Green Warbler (1), Black-polled Warbler (2), Baltimore Oriloe (2), Dickcissel (1), Evening Grosbeak (many; 385 banded by one observer at West Hartford, Conn.), Harris's Sparrow (1).

Notes from Cleveland Bird Calendar (Winter Bird Population Number). This issue includes the 1945 Christmas Bird Count (48 species, 2459 individuals), a " Summary of Weather Conditions", "Interesting Records"(including Parasitic Jaeger, Iceland Gull, and Glaucous Gull), a complete "Species List", "Comment on Record", as well as reports from neighboring localities. A splendid feature is "Field Notes", consisting of contributions from members on such interesting subjects as population studies, migration routes, etc. Our only criticism is the absence of substantiation for all of the five species which were added to the all-time Area List during 1945. Of the five, only one was collected, a Pomaring Jaeger (a splendid record). The other four, Lark Bunting, Western Meadowlark, Arkansas Kingbird, and American Three-toed Woodpecker, were apparently only sight records. Full details of these observations might well have been supplied, and the lack is especially regrettable in the case of the Woodpecker, which was Reported in September 29 from Euclid. So far as we know, such a record is without parallel, and the date seems very early. Extra-territorial readers lack the background to accept such records without question, and may possibly be forgiven a raised eyebrow!

Clark S. Beardslee $\bar{o}\hat{o}$

Local Note. On March 23 a medium sized owl with a long tail, presumably an American Hawk Owl, was seen on the breakwall opposite the end of Porter Ave., Buffaly, N.Y. by James Savage. While the distance was too great for him to be able to check all details, Mr. Savage was able to compare many features with colored plates of the Hawk Owl when examining it through a telescope. No other species of Owl fitted the description. As the Hawk Owl is a great rarity in Western New York, Mr. Savage feels that this species should be collected to record it officially. The writer saw the bird late in the day when no colors could be observed, but did note the shape of the bird, the fairly small head, and the long tail, and believes that it may well have been a specimen of the Hawk Owl.

H.D.Mitchell

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Future Events

Meetings: Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science, 8:P.M.

Wednesday, May 8 — Miss Marie Wendling — Review
Plans for spring census, Ed. Seeber, leader.

Wednesday, May 22 — Results of spring census.

Outdoor meetings:

Wednesday, June 12, 6:15 P.M., Picnic supper at Old Fort Erie, Ont.

Wednesday, June 26 — 6:15P.M. , Picnic supper at Chestnut Ridge Park. Meet at Casino in Park.

Field Trips: Pymatuning Trip, week-end May 11-12.
Harold Mitchell has charge of transportation arrangements for the Buffalo group which will go in a chartered bus. Anyone desiring to go should call him at UN8532.

Sunday, May 19 -- Spring Census, leader, Ed. Seeber. RI 8739.

Sunday, June 9 -- Breeding Bird Census, leader, Bernard Nathan.

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The Month

Strange as it may seem, April was warmer than normal, but colder than March. Not by much, but since this is the first time in the history of the Buffalo weather bureau that this statement could be made, it is worth recording. Normal for April is 43.8 degrees. This year mean for the month was 44.4, compared with 44.5 for March. Precipitation was only half the normal amount, the weather being characterized by warm sunny days and cool nights. Including April, we now have an accumulated deficiency of 5.00 inches of precipitation. Casual water in the fields was almost lacking, and even the larger " sinks" completely disappeared early in the month. Farm lands and lawns became actually parched. Records of shore birds were therefore poor. Due to the abnormal influx of migrants during March, the season seemed to drag through April, though actually bird movement was not far from normal, and a few individuals were very early, notably the Scarlet Tanager found by Murphy and recorded below.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

*Common Loon	Apr. 5	F	3	Cassadaga	-Bourne
	" 19		4	Grand Island	-Thorpe, Filor
	" 15		1	Barcelona	-Bourne
Horned Grebe	" 4		1	E.Randolph	- "
	" 25		21	dead in gorge, Nia.Falls	-Wagner
Green Heron	" 25		1	Holland	-James
Am. Bittern	" 6		1	Batavia	-Pixley
	" 10		1	Lyndonville	-Smith
Whistling Swan	" 14		2	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	" 21		1	Stafford Pond, O.O.	-Somerside
	" 29	L	1	E.Randolph	-Mitchell
Blue Goose	" 22	-L	7	O.O.	-Winship
Canada Goose	" 14		4000+	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	" 21		4000	O.O.	-Somerside
	" 22		2000	O.O.	-Winship
Mallard	" 30		1	white drake, Del.Pk.	-Somerside
Gadwall	" 9		4	Nia.River, Wickwire	-Seeber
	" 1		6	Bird Island	-Wild
Green-Wng Teal	" 14		14	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	" 28		2	Irving	-Seeber et al

Shoveller	Apr	2	2	O.O.	-Seeber
Ring-neck Duck	"	14	13	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	"	28	2	Tift St.	-Seeber et al
Canvasback	"	22	1	" "	-Wagner ,Elberg
Ruddy Duck	"	5	1	Cassadaga	-Bourne
	"	13	1	Bflo. Harbor	-Andrle
	"	14	12	Hamburg	-Creightons
	"	14	5	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	"	20	1	Del. Park	- " " ",Brockner
	"	24	1	Cassadaga	-Webster
Hooded Merganser	"	27-L	1	Zoar Valley	-Andrle
Turkey Vulture	"	13	5	Migrating,N.E.	-Hamburg-Mitchell
	"	21	max.14	Alabama	-Somerside
	"	21	2	Chestnut Ridge Pk	-Bourne
Broad-winged Hawk	"	13	1	Orchard Park	-Bourne
	"	19-23		Cassadaga	-Stanleys
¶ See below)	"	27-28	3	Versailles	-Seeber et al
*Upland Plover	"	12-F	2	Hamburg	-Creightons
	"	14	1	Grand Island	-Seeber,Nathan
*Spotted Sandpiper	"	22-F	1	O.O.	-Winship
	"	23	2	Clymer	-Murphy
*Solitary Sandpiper	"	22-F	1	O.O.	-Winship
	"	28	1	Irving	-Seeber et al
*Pectoral Sandpiper	"	7-F		Batavia	-Pixley
Gtr. Yellow Legs	"	3	5	Ebenezer	-Hochmuth
* " "	"	19-F	1	Burntship Creek	-Thorpe ,Filor
	"	24	1	Lyndonville	-Smith
Glaucous Gull	"	1	1	Ontario,St.	-Murphy
Little Gull	"	17	1	Nia.Riv.Wickwire	-Seeber
*Common Tern	"	9-F	8	Lyndonville	-Smith
	"	16	4	Nia. Riv. Wickwire	-Mitchell,Beardslee,Seeb
Screech Owl	"	14-23	1	Uni. of Bflo	-Wagner
	"	14	1	Derby	-Larkin
	"	22	1	Clymer	-Murphy
Hor-Horned Owl	"	14	1	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
	"	20	2	Can .Shore	-Brockner
	"	29	1	Lincoln Pk.	-Somerside
Snowy Owl	"	10	1	Downtown Bflo.	-Savage
	"	22	1	Tift St.	-Elberg
Barred Owl	"	28	1	Gowanda	-Seeber et al
¶ See above)					
Rough-Lgd Hawk	"	19	2	Grand Is.	-Thorpe,Filor
Bald Eagle	"	11	1	Strawberry Is.	-Brockner
	"	20	2	Navy Is.,nesting,	- "
* Osprey	"	6-F	1	Lyndonville	-Smith
	"	14	2	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
*Pigeon Hawk	"	16-F	1	Kenmore	-Seeber
Ruffed Grouse	"	21		Zoar Valley	-Brockner
Sora	"	20	1	Jamestown	-Verrill
	"	22	1	Tifft St	-Wagner,Elberg
*Florida Gallinule	"	23-F	2	Clymer	-Murphy
	"	27	5	Dunkirk	-Stanleys
	"	28	4	Tift St.	-Seeber et al
Coot	"	14	5	O.O.	-Mitchell et al
Short-eared Owl	"	5	1	Irving	-Bourne
	"	24	1	So.Dayton	-Webster
Chimney Swift	"	21-F	1	Portland	-Murphy
Pileated Woodpecker	"	14	1	Zoar Valley	-Brockner
	"	25	1	Black's Swamp	-Stanleys
*Sapsucker	Mar	30-F	1	Nia. Falls	-Heilborn
	Apr	4	1	Humboldt Pk.	-Thorpe

*Bank Swallow	Apr	22-F	2	Fredonia	-Stanleys
*Rough-wng Swallow	"	23-F	9	Barcelona	-Mitchell
*Barn Swallow	"	22-F	1	Gowanda	-Webster
	"	22	1	Sherman	-Murphy
*Cliff Swallow	"	29-F	1	E.Randolph	-Mitchell
*Purple Martin	"	4-F	2	Wanakah	-Schmahl
	"	22	1	Batavia	-Pixley
	"	22	3	End of Sheridan	-Seeber
	"	22	1	Lyndonville	-Smith
*House Wren	"	23-F	1	Mt Morris	-Bourne
	"	23	2	Lyndonville	- Smith
* Carolina Wren	"	6-F	1	Hamburg	- Bourne
	"	20	1	"	- "
* Mockingbird	Early Apr.-F		1	Holland (rep.)	James
Catbird	Apr	20-F	1	Forest Lawn	-Nathan
*Brown Thrasher	"	14-F	1	Delaware Pk	-Mitchell
*Ruby-cr Kinglet	"	6-F	1	Forest Lawn	-Brockner
	"	6	1	Tift St.	-Mitchell et al
Cedar Waxwing	"	1-	1	Niagara Falls	-Heilborn
	"	8	14	Lyndonville	-Smith
*Blue-headed Vireo	"	23-F	1	Lincoln Park	- Wagner
	"	28	6	Zoar Valley	-Andrle
Warbling Vireo	"	23	1	Clymer	Murphy
[illegible]	"	24	1	Holland	-James
Orange-cr.Warbler	"	28-F	1	Irving	- Seeber et al
*Myrtle "	"	20	1	Delaware Pk	-Mitchell " "
*Black-thr.Green Warbler	"	22-F	1	Niagara Falls	-Heilborn
		23	5	Clymer	-Murphy
		23	1	Lincoln Park	-Wagner
*Pine Warbler	"	22-F	1	Tift St.	-Wagner,Elberg
	"	22	1	Mt.Morris	-Filor,Keim
	"	27	1	Fredonia	-Stanleys
*W.Palm Warbler	"	21-F	1	Cherry Hill	-Savage
*N. Water Thrush	"	28-F	1	O.O.	-Pixley
*La. " "	"	28-F	1	Zoar Valley	-Andrle
	"	28	2	Versailles	-Seeber et al
*Bobolink	"	30-F	7	Alden	-Webster
*Scarlet Tanager	"	22-F	1	N.Clymer	-Murphy
Evening Grosbeak	"	1	1	Hamburg	-Wilson
	"	27	10	Castile	-Thompson
	"all month		12	E.Aurora	-Wild
	nearly all month		50	Holland	-James
Purple Finch	Apr.	14	1	Hamburg	-Bourne
Gold Finch	"	4-F	3	Steamburg	- "
*Chipping Sparrow	"	12	1	Batavia	-Pixley
White-thr. Sparrow	"	3-F	1	Castile	-Thompson
Fox Sparrow	"	13	1	Delaware Pk	-Mitchell et al

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Annual Spring Duck Census- April 7,1946

Weather- Clear ,sunny,cold ,north west wind.
Temperature- High 42 degrees — Low 28 degrees
Total species --- --- --- --- --- --114: Individuals -- -- -- 32,076

With the largest number of observers in the field for a spring Duck Census,it is easily seen why the number of differen t species far exceeded previous years.

The weather was fine especially from the change of the day before,an d the still further change to bad weather the following day.

Among the notable records seen were one Am. Egret by Mr. Somerside at O.O. ; One Little Gull-by Bill Vaughan on Grand Island "One Broadwinged Hawk and a Myrtle Warbler by the Ulrich's party in the vicinity of Wilson and one Snow Bunting at [illegible]

Mohawk Pt.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the society for their promptness in reporting. John H. Doyle

Territories and Observers as follows :-

B-Can. Shore to Pt. Colbourne	-Mitchell,Moore,Almendinger,Olechowski.
C-Can. Shore,Pt.Colbourne to Dunnville	-Doyle.Murphy
A-Canadian side of Niagara River	-Savage
D-Am. side Niagara River	-Beardslee
E-Niagara Falls and vicinity	-Rogerson
F-Wilson and Vicinity	-Ulrichs,Brown,Kogel
G. Grand Island North of Express Highway	-Vaughan,Win?
H. " " south " " "	-Thorpe
I.Transit and Clarence Sinks	-Somerside
J. Delaware Park	-Nathan
K. Forest Lawn and Lincoln Park	-Wendling,Webster
L. Am Shore to Dunkirk	-Wright
M. Bergen Swamp and Vicinity	-Filor,Wagner,Schaffer
N. Oak Orchard Swamp	-Seebers,Andrle,Nathans,Drobits
O. Lyndonville and vicinity	-Smiths
P. Batavia,Horsedhoe Lake	-Pixley
Q. Sinking Ponds,E.Aurora	-Wild
R.Hamburg to Cuba Lake etc	-Creightons,Winships
S.Chestnut Ridge,Emery Park,Zoar Valley	-Wilson
T. Chestnut Ridge Park	-Verrills
U. Holland	-James
V. Castile	-Thompson
W. Am. Shore south of Dunkirk,Findley Lake,Clymer	-Brockners,Praemassings,Johnston
X. Dunkirk,Cassadaga Lake and vicinity	-Stanley,Meroney,Schober,Siegel
Y .Chautauqua Lake	-Beal
Z. Rochester to Oak Orchard Swamp	- Meade

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Common Loon	18	
Horned Grebe	106	
Pied-bld.Grebe	32	
Great Blue Heron	92	
Am. Egret	1	I for N
Black-crn.Night Heron	1	Q
Am. Bittern	6	A,O,Z,X
Mute Swan	1	X
Whistling Swan	3	N
Canada Goose	9,635	
Blue Goose	7	N
Mallard	159	
Black Duck	172	
Gadwall	1	M for N
Baldpate	136	
Pintail	461	
Green-wng.Teal	59	
Blue-wng. "	41	
Shoveler	2	M for N
Wood Duck	26	
Redhead	4	A,Z
Ring-necked Duck	68	
Canvasback	14	
Gtr. Scaup Duck	747	
Lesser " "	405	
Am. Golden Eye	341	
Bufflehead	132	
Old Squaw	152	
White-wng.Scoter	3	C
Ruddy Duck	7	C,L,Y
Hooded Merganser	13	
Am. Merganser	299	
Red-br,Merganser	1,327	
Turkey Vulture	27	L,N,O,W
Sharp-shn. Hawk	7	
Cooper's Hawk	2	
Red-tld. "	19	
Red-shl. "	10	
Broad-wng."	1	F
Rough-lgd "	9	
Marsh "	57	
Pigeon Hawk	1	R
Sparrow Hawk	36	
Ruffed Grouse	3	
R-neck Pheasant	95	
Coot	11	
Killdeer	144	
Woodcock	3	S,V
Wilson's Snipe	25	
Upland Plover	1	G
Gtr.Yellow Legs	11	O,M,X
Yellow Legs	2	O
Pectoral Sandpiper	7	P
Iceland Gull	1	B
Gt-Black-b Gull	5	
Herring Gull	1,198	
Ring-b "	1,660	
Bonaparte's"	2,401	
Little Gull	1	G
Rock Dove	55	
Mourning Dove	115	
Barn Owl	1	C
Screech Owl	1	R

Great Horned Owl	1	V
Snowy Owl	2	C,X
Short-eared Owl	4	O
Belted Kingfisher	50	
Flicker	208	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	T
Red-headed "	6	H
Yellow-br. Sapsucker	8	
Hairy Woodpecker	5	
Downy "	47	
Phoebe	69	
Pr-Horned Lark	52	
Tree Swallow	66	
Purple Martin	1	W
Blue Jay	18	
Crow	1,001	
Black-capped Chickadee	198	
White-br.Nuthatch	26	
Red-br "	1	
Brown Creeper	54	
Winter Wren	12	
Carolina Wren	1	S
Robin	2,039	
Hermit Thrush	29	
Bluebird	74	
Golden-cr.Kinglet	436	
Ruby-cr.Kinglet	11	
Migrant Shrike	10	K,O,X
Starling	3,584	
Myrtle Warbler	1	F
English Sparrow	736	
Meadowlark	171	
Redwing	1,092	
Rusty Blackbird	28	V
Bronzed Grackle	385	
Cowbird	915	
Cardinal	18	
Purple Finch	2	F,Y
Goldfinch	1	G
Red-eyed Towhee	8	
Savannah Sparrow	19	
Vesper "	54	
Slate-col. Junco	649	
Tree Sparrow	63	
Chipping "	6	E,I,Z
Field "	9	M,S,U,Y
White-thr."	1	V
Fox "	18	
Swamp "	25	
Song "	1,113	
Snow Bunting	1	C

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Spring Duck Census Nesting Records

Mallard's Nest-	14 eggs-	Wendling, Webster-	Forest Lawn Cemetery
Mourning Dove Nest	-2 eggs-	Smiths -	Lyndonville,N.Y.
Robin's Nest,unfinished	-	" -	" " "
Red-tailed Hawk Nest-	bird flushed	-Smiths -	" " "
Mourning Dove Nest		-Mitchell-	Canadian Shore

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An Unusual Incubation

A letter from a relative in eastern Michigan enclosed the following experience.

A cousin's small boy found a birds eggs on the lawn,presumably a sparrow's. Search failed to locate the nest so his mother allowed her boy to keep the egg. He rolled it on the floor and played with it until the mother persuaded him to lay it on some cotton in a glass sauce dish on the side-board where he could see it and not break it. In about a week they found a newly hatched bird in the dish. They now are feeding it with milk and water from a dropper and bits of cooked egg and chopped angle worms. At last reports the fledgling was doing well.

Editor.

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Notes

Notes from Burroughs Audubon Nature Club ,Rochester ,N.Y.--

Week ending April 5th. Sharp-shinned Hawk,Cooper's,Red-tailed,Red-shouldered, Broad-winged,Rough-legged,Marsh and Sparrow Hawks,also Turkey Vulture.Tree Swallow, Swamp Sparrow.

Week ending April 12th. Am. Bittern,Woodcock,Wilson's Snipe,Bonaparte's Gull,Sapsucker,Ruby-cr. Kinglet,Purple Finch,Savannah,Henslow's(very early),and Chipping Sparrow.

Week ending April 19th. Shoveler,Florida Gallinule,Coot,Purple Martin,Brown Thrasher, Myrtle Warbler,White-thr. Sparrow.

Week ending April 26th.Snowy Owl,Bank,Rough-wng.,Barn and Cliff Swallows.

Record of New England Birds (M.A.S.)

In Janurary- Scarcity of land birds was marked,but Northern Shrikes and Evening Grosbeaks were unusually plentiful. Pacific Loon-1,Pied-billed Grebe-1, Am. Bittern -1,European Widgeon-1,Barrow's Golden-eye -1,Thayer's Gull-1,Short-b. Gull(subspecies? -1,European Black-headed Gull-1,Ivory Gull-(specimen in Peabody Museum.), Glaucous Gull -13,Iceland Gull-9,Kumlien's Gull-4(most gull records for Essex County), Phoebe-2,Acadian Chickadee-3,Mockingbird-9,Catbird-3,Brown Thrasher-2,Ruby-cr.Kingley -1,Migrant Shrike-2,Baltimore Oriole-1,Rusty Blackbird-1,Dickcissel-1,Sharp-tl.Sparrow-1,Vesper Sparrow-1,White-cr.Sparrow-1,,

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Future Events

Trips----June 2-- Breeding Bird Census -- Zoar Valley-7 A.M.-City Hall-B.Nathan
June 9-- " " " --Cattaraugus Co.-&AM- " " - "

Meetings

Wednesday,June 12th-6:15 PM -picnic supper at Old Fort Erie,Ont.

Wednesday, June 26th-6:15 PM-picnic supper Chestnut Ridge Park-Meet at the casino in the park.

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The Month

May was about as close to normal as any month can be in Buffalo. Mean temperature was 55.0 degrees, and precipitation was 3.59 inches, compared with normal of 55.9 and 3.10 respectively. Following the warm dry weather of March and April, however, the month seemed chilly and wet. From the third to the thirteenth every day was below normal, and no warbler wave occurred during that period. The fourteenth was five degrees above normal, and on the afternoon of the fifteenth the mercury reached 82 degrees. That night the temperature did not drop below 62, and on the morning of the sixteenth there was one of the finest waves I have ever observed. Unfortunately, a hard rain, which started at daybreak and lasted without intermission until mid-afternoon, made observation very difficult. Other excellent waves occurred on the 18th and 20th, just missing our census date, which, while not optimum, was also a good day, as our results prove. The second half of the month was characterized by short periods of alternately cool and warm days. Bird movement was close to normal, with no further waves of especial note. Highlights of the month were the Brants, found by Stanley at Braddock's Bay on the 12th and by Savage at Point Abino, Ontario, on the 25th.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	May 5	9	Irving	Mitchell et al
	" 5	8	Lake Ontario	Brockners
	" 9	1	Fuhrman Blvd.	Andrle
	" 23		Shadigee	Pixley
	" 26 L	2	Canadian Shore	Seeber et al
*Red-throated Loon	" 26	2	Clymer	Sundell
*Double-cr. Cormorant	" 5 F	1	Irving	Mitchell et al
	" 12	1	Sherkston	Youker
	" 28 L	1	Dunkirk	Beardslee
*Least Bittern	" 5 F	1	Tifft St.	Several members
	" 10	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
Whistling Swan	" to 31st L	1	Sandy Creek	Guelf
*Brant	" 12 F	1	Braddock's Bay	Stanley
	" 25	1	Point Abino	Savage
	" 26 L	1	Point Abino	Beardslee; Seeber etal

Canada Goose	May	30 L	1	Stafford's Pond	Ulrichs
Baldpate	"	26	2	Barcelona	Sundell
Pintail	"	12 L	3	Irving	Andrle
	"	12 L	7	Oak Orchard	Nathan et al
Redhead	"	12 L	2	Oak Orchard	Nathan et al
Ring-necked Duck	"	12-30 L	1	Tifft Street	Several members
Canvas-back	"	14 L	2	Oak Orchard	Pixley
Lesser Scaup Duck	"	all month			Several members
Golden-eye	"	26 L	1	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Old-squaw	"	10 L	10	Niagara River	Brockners
White-winged Scoter	"	5	8	Lake Ontario	Brockners
Ruddy Duck	"	2	3	Grand Island	Somerside
	"	12	5	Oak Orchard	Nathan et al
	"	28 L	1	Dunkirk	Beardslee
American Merganser	"	26	1	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Red-breasted Merganser	"	26	2	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Turkey Vulture	"	6	1	Youngstown	Brockner
	"	6	1	Hanover	Beardslee, Vaughan
	"	12	20	Oak Orchard	Nathan, Diem et al
	"	12	2	Catt. Indian Res.	Andrle
	"	13	5	Zoar Valley	Mitchell et al
	"	25	3	Bond Lake	Diem, Wagner
	"	30	1	Versailles	Wagner
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	5	120	Irving	Mitchell et al
Broad-winged Hawk	"	5	50	Irving	Mitchell et al
	"	18	2	Zoar Valley	Andrle, Doyle
Rough-legged Hawk	"	4	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	"	5	1	Mud Lake	Mitchell et al
Bald Eagle	"	5	3	Irving	Mitchell et al
	"	9	5	Sandy Creek	Guelf
Osprey	"	5	1	Eden	Youker
	"	5	4	Irving	Mitchell et al
	"	8	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	"	30	1	South Harbor	Seeber, Vaughan
	"	31 L		Lyndonville	Smith
Pigeon Hawk	"	5	1	Angola	Mitchell et al
	"	12	1	Irving	Andrle
Ruffed Grouse	"	26	2	Zoar Valley	Brockner, Johnston
	"	30	2	Catt. Indian Res.	Brockner, Thorpe
Bob-white	"	1	7	Hamburg	Davidson
*King Rail	"	22	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
*Virginia Rail	Apr	14 F	1	Burntship Creek	Nathan
	May	5	1	Dunkirk	Stanley, Ames
Sora	"	5	1 to 4	Tifft Street	Several members
	"	5	1	Dunkirk	Stanley, Ames
Florida Gallinule	"	2		Batavia	Pixley
	"	5-26	1 to 4	Tifft Street	Several members
Coot	"	5-26		Tifft Street	Several members
*Semipalmated Plover	"	12 F	2	Irving	Andrle
	"	12 F	5	near Akron	Nathan et al
*Black-bellied Plover	"	26 F	4	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
	"	28	5	Point Abino	Savage
*Ruddy Turnstone	"	18 F	1	Windmill Point	Wright, Nathan
Wilson's Snipe	"	26	1	Dunnville marsh	Seeber et al
*Hudsonian Curlew	"	25 F	105	Rockhouse Point	Wright
	"	26	1	Point Abino	Beardslee
	"	28 L	11,1	Yacht Harbor;Pt.Abino	Savage
Greater Yellow-legs	"	24 L	1	Millersport Hwy.	Wagner
*Knot	"	28 F	1	Port Colborne	Savage
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	12	16	near Akron	Nathan et al
*White-rumped Sandpiper	"	26 L	1	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
*Baird's Sandpiper	"	25	3	Rockhouse Point	Wright

*Least Sandpiper	May	12 F	7	near Akron	Nathan et al
*Red-backed Sandpiper	"	17 F	23	Point Abino	Doyle
*Dowitcher	"	22-26	1	Tifft Street	Several members
*Western Sandpiper	"	23-27		foot of Sheridan Dr.	Several members
	"	26		Mohawk Point	Seeber et al
*Sanderling	"	25 F	3	Rockhouse Point	Wright
	"	26	1	Barcelona	Sundell
	"	26	3	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Gr.Black-backed Gull	"	26	1	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
*Caspian Tern	Apr	10 F	1	Grand Island	Wright
	May	11	4	Niagara Falls	Wagner
	"	18	2	Point Abino	Wright et al
*Black Tern	"	11 F	4	Niagara Falls	Wagner
*Black-billed Cuckoo	"	16 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
S creech Owl	"	25	1	Eden	rep. Brockner
Great Horned Owl	"	6	2	Silver Creek	Beardslee, Vaughan
	"	13	1	Grand Island	Somerside
	"	26		Zoar Valley	Johnston
*Whip-poor-will	"	6 F	1	Forest Lawn	Youker
	"	6 F	1	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
	"	6 F	2	Lincoln Park	Wagner
*Nighthawk	"	15 F	2	Wanakah	Wright
	"	15 F	1	Kenmore	Beardslee
*Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	"	10 F	1	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
	"	11	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Pileated Woodpecker	"	24	1	Perrysburg	Johnston
	"	26	1	Zoar Valley	Johnston, Brockner
	"	26	1	Eden	Mitchell et al
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	3	1	Grand Island	Somerside
	"	13	1	Emery Park	Hickman
*Kingbird	"	5 F	1	Silver Creek	Mitchell et al
	"	5 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Crested Flycatcher	"	7 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	11 F	1	Tifft Street	Wright
	"	20	1	Forest Lawn	Beardslee; Nathan
	"	25	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	"	27 L	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
*Acadian Flycatcher	"	26 F	1	Dunnville marsh	Seeber et al
*Alder Flycatcher	"	18 F	1	Lyndonville	Smith
*Least Flycatcher	"	5 F	1	East Aurora	Thorpe
*Wood Pewee	"	10 F	1	Tifft Street	Andrle
*Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	18 F	1	Forest Lawn	Brockner
	"	22	1	Forest Lawn	Almendinger
	"	23	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	"	26	1	Mohawk Point	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Cliff Swallow	"	26	5	Canadian shore	Seeber, Thorpe et al
	"	26	4	Zoar Valley	Brockner, Johnston
	"	30	27	Gowanda	Thorpe, Brockner et al
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	25 L	1	Erie Beach	Mitchell et al
Brown Creeper	"	5	1	near Youngstown	Brockners
Winter Wren	"	17	1	Point Abino	Doyle
*Prairie Marsh Wren	"	6 F	3	Dunkirk	Stanley
*Short-billed Marsh Wren	"	25 F	2	Bond Lake	Diem, Wagner
*Wood Thrush	"	6 F	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
*Olive-backed Thrush	"	1 F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	"	29 L	1	Canadian shore	Mitchell et al
*Veery	"	5 F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	12 F	2	Irving	Wright
	"	18	1	Dunkirk	Stanleys
	"	26	1,1	Pt.Abino;Morgan's Pt.	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	25 L	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Pipit	"	12 L	3	near Akron	Nathan et al

Migrant Shrike	May	18		1	Dunnville	Nathan, Wright
	"	26		5	Dunnville	Seeber, Thorpe et al
	"	30		2	Wolcottsville	Ulrichs
*Yellow-throated Vireo	"	11	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Red-eyed Vireo	"	15	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
	"	15	F	1	Delaware Park	Beardslee
	"	15	F	6	Lincoln Park	Wagner
*Philadelphia Vireo	"	14	F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	"	16		1	Tifft Street	Wright
*Warbling Vireo	"	6	F	1	Leroy	Pixley
*Black & White Warbler	Apr	30	F	1	Forest Lawn	Youker
	"	30	F	1	Forest Lawn	Somerside
*Prothonotary Warbler	May	5	F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
	"	19		1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
*Golden-winged Warbler	"	6	F	1	Gowanda	Beardslee, Vaughan
	"	8		1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
*Blue-winged Warbler	"	12	F	1	Versailles	Wright
	"	26		6	Zoar Valley	Brockner, Johnston
	"	30		1	Versailles	Seeber, Vaughan
	"	30		8	Gowanda	Thorpe, Brockner et al
*Brewster's Warbler	"	30		1	Versailles	Seeber, Vaughan
*Tennesee Warbler	"	15	F	2	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	"	28	L	1	Brockport	Guelf
*Orange-crowned Warbler	"	15	F	1	Forest Lawn	Nathans
	"	23		1	Buckhorn Island	Seeber et al
*Nashville Warbler	"	6	F	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
*Parula Warbler	"	12	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Yellow Warbler	"	5	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
	"	5	F	1	Mud Lake	Mitchell et al
	"	5	F	1	East Aurora	Thorpe
*Magnolia Warbler	"	5	F	1	Mud Lake	Mitchell et al
*Cape May Warbler	"	11	F	1	South Buffalo	Andrle
	"	11	F	1	Goat Island	Wagner
*Black-thr. Blue Warbler	"	7	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Cerulean Warbler	"	13	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Blackburnian Warbler	"	6	F	2	Gowanda	Beardslee, Vaughan
*Chestnut-sided Warbler	"	6	F	1	Gowanda	Beardslee, Vaughan
*Bay-breasted Warbler	"	11	F	1	Goat Island	Wagner
*Black-poll Warbler	"	14	F	1	Leroy	Pixley
*Prairie Warbler	"	18	F	2	Buckhorn Island	Nathans, Seeber
Palm Warbler	"	18	L	2	Delaware Park	Brockner
*Ovenbird	"	1	F	1	Forest Lawn	Youker
La. Water-thrush	"	12		1	Tona. Indian Res.	Nathan et al
*Kentucky Warbler	"	18	F	1	Delaware Park	Seeber
*Mourning Warbler	"	15	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Northern Yellow-throat	"	3	F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
*Hooded Warbler	"	14	F	1	Forest Lawn	Wright
	"	15		1	Batavia	Pixley
*Wilson's Warbler	"	14	F	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
*Canada Warbler	"	14	F	1	Forest Lawn	Wright
*Redstart	"	10	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Orchard Oriole	"	6	F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
*Baltimore Oriole	"	1	F	1	Wanakah	Wright
Rusty Blackbird	"	5	L	5	Dunkirk	Stanley, Ames
*Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	11	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
	"	11	F	2	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
*Indigo Bunting	"	14	F	1	Point Abino	Doyle
Evening Grosbeak	"	4		4	Lyndonville	Smith
	"	6		24	Hamburg	Wilson
	"	14		4	Lyndonville	Smith
	"	18		6	Forest Lawn	Almendinger, Seeber
	"	24	L	1	East Aurora	Wild

*Henslow's Sparrow	May	7 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*White-crowned Sparrow	"	5 F	1	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
	"	5 F	3	Irving	Mitchell et al
White-throated Sparrow	"	26 L	1	Dunnville	Seeber, Thorpe et al
Fox Sparrow	"	5 L	2	Forest Lawn	Nathan, Seeber
*Lincoln's Sparrow	"	14 F	1	Tifft Street	Wright

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Seventeenth Annual Spring Census

May 19, 1946

Territories and Observers:

A	Niagara River, Canadian side	Savage, Drobitz
B	Canadian shore, Port Colborne to Port Maitland	Mitchell, Heilborns, Hickman, Moore, Knox, Elburn, Youker, Eames, Osgood, Lipp
C	Canadian shore, Fort Erie to Port Colborne	Andrle, Nathans
D	Dunnville Marsh area	Wright, Nathan, Filor, Keim
E	Bond Lake and Wilson	Tilley, Webster
F	Delaware and Lincoln Parks, Forest Lawn	M. and M. Wendling
G	Lake Erie shore to Dunkirk	Wagner, Diems
H	Irving, Versailles, Gowanda	Vaughan, Windsor, McShanes, D. & G. Gregory, Glennys, Foxes, Brosman, Rew, Zoerb
I	Southern Lake Erie shore, North Clymer, Findlay Lake	Thorpe, Brockners
J	Hamburg, Eden, Zoar Valley	Creightons, Winships
K	Letchworth Park, Cayuga Road	Ulrichs, Brown
L	Grand Island, South	E. & K. Praemissing, Knight, Rosa
M	Grand Island, North, Niagara Falls	Seeber, Almendinger, Murphy
N	Lakeside, West Shelby	Somerside
O	Oak Orchard	Doyle
P	Niagara Gorge to Youngstown	Rogerson, Tuttle
Q	Dunkirk, Cassadaga Region	Stanleys, Meroneys, Schober, Siegel
R	Batavia Area	Pixley
S	Leroy	Hazelton
T	Castile	Thompson
U	Lyndonville Area	Smiths
V	Rochester Area, west of Genesee R.	Genesee Ornithological Society, rep. Meade
W	Jamestown, Frewsburg	Beal, Sundell
X	Holland, Emery Park	James
Y	Oak Orchard	Beadles
Z	Hamburg, Chestnut Ridge to Zoar V.	Wilson, Brown
AA	Lancaster Area	A. & M. Schulz
BB	Sinking Ponds	Chamberlain, fide Thorpe
CC	Falconer to Allegany State Park	Hiller, Parker, Flyger, Kates, Hanson
DD	Brockport Area	Guelf
EE	East Aurora	Wild
FF	Cattaraugus	Facklam

Common Loon	48		Green Heron	31	
Red-throated Loon	2	V	Black-cr. Night Heron	36	
Ho lboell's Grebe	15	E	American Bittern	26	
Horned Grebe	2	A	Least Bittern	5	V, BB, D in O
Pied-billed Grebe	14		Whistling Swan	1	DD
Great Blue Heron	315		Canada Goose	2	O

American Brant	1	V
Mallard	131	
Black Duck	93	
Baldpate	30	
Green-winged Teal	2	O
Bl ue-winged Teal	78	
Wood Duck	15	
Redhead	2	B, D in O
Scaup	165	
American Golden-eye	5	B,C,M,V
Buffle-head	3	A,C
Ru ddy Duck	1	D in O
Hooded Merganser	1	V
American Merganser	7	A,V
Red-breasted Merganser	138	
Turkey Vulture	32	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	45	
Cooper's Hawk	40	
Red-tailed Hawk	29	
Red-shouldered Hawk	31	
Broad-winged Hawk	9	G,V
Rough-legged Hawk	3	M,V
Bald Eagle	9	
Marsh Hawk	37	
Osprey	16	V
Duck Hawk	2	P,V
Pigeon Hawk	1	V
Sparrow Hawk	32	
Ruffed Grouse	4	(4 parties)
Pheasant	136	
Virginia Rail	19	
Sora	40	
Florida Gallinule	68	
Coot	23	
Semipalmated Plover	51	
Killdeer	215	
Black-bellied Plover	3	C,D
Ruddy Turnstone	2	B,D
Woodcock	9	
Wilson's Snipe	5	D,I,V
Upland Plover	9	
Spotted Sandpiper	276	
Solitary Sandpiper	19	
Greater Yellow-legs	26	
Lesser Yellow-legs	14	
Pectoral Sandpiper	4	H,L
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	C
Least Sandpiper	48	
Red-backed Sandpiper	151	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	15	
Great Black-backed Gull	4	C,DD,DinB
Herring Gull	1,931	
Ring-billed Gull	1,622	
Bonaparte's Gull	80	
Forster's Tern	1	A
Common Tern	1,061	
Caspian Tern	2	C

Black Tern	120	
Rock Dove		
Mourning Dove	343	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	I, V, AA
Black-billed Cuckoo	12	
Great Horned Owl	6	(6 parties)
Barred Owl	1	D in O
Short-eared Owl	3	I, V
Whippoorwill	2	I, V
Nighthawk	3	C, V
Chimney Swift	654	
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	24	
Belted Kingfisher	79	
Flicker	238	
Pileated Woodpecker	3	J,K,Q
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	S
Red-headed Woodpecker	24	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	M
Hairy Woodpecker	15	
Downy Woodpecker	59	
Kingbird	116	
Crested Flycatcher	72	
Phoebe	90	
Alder Flycatcher	2	N
Least Flycatcher	62	
Wood Pewee	18	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	P
Prairie Horned Lark	30	
Tree Swallow	331	
Bank Swallow	2,467	
Rough-winged Swallow	951	
Barn Swallow	1,258	
Cliff Swallow	97	
Purple Martin	425	
Blue Jay	247	
Crow	662	
Chickadee	102	
White-breasted Nuthatch	27	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	31	
Brown Creeper	4	F,V
House Wren	178	
Winter Wren	3	B,V,D in O
Prairie Marsh Wren	56	
Short-billed Marsh Wren	3	I
Catbird	468	
Brown Thrasher	30	
Robin	1,647	
Wood Thrush	119	
Hermit Thrush	6	
Olive-backed Thrush	39	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	3	F,V,D in O
Veery	99	
Bluebird	126	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	B,E,D in G
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	19	
Cedar Waxwing	56	

Migrant Shrike	3	D,N,P
Starling	1479	
Yellow-throated Vireo	25	
Blue-headed Vireo	11	
Red-eyed Vireo	102	
Philadelphia Vireo	10	B,F,J,V
Warbling Vireo	20	
Black & White Warbler	32	
Prothonotary Warbler	4	O,R
Golden-winged Warbler	14	G,I,R,V
Blue-winged Warbler	15	G,H,I,J,W
Brewster's Warbler	2	G,J
Tennessee Warbler	43	
Orange-crowned Warbler	3	C,M
Nashville Warbler	45	
Parula Warbler	32	
Yellow Warbler	1,465	
Magnolia Warbler	204	
Cape May Warbler	141	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	51	
My rtle Warbler	303	
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	293	
Cerulean Warbler	17	I,N,R,V
Bla ckburnian Warbler	211	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	327	
Bay-breasted Warbler	71	
Black-poll Warbler	24	
Pine Warbler	2	K
Prairie Warbler	2	M
We stern Palm Warbler	2	F,V
Ovenbird	194	
Northern Water-thrush	20	
Louisiana Water-thrush	7	
Mourning Warbler	24	
Northern Yellow-throat	243	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	I
Hooded Warbler	31	
Wilson's Warbler	17	
Canada Warbler	61	
Redstart	923	
English Sparrow	909	
Bobolink	824	
Meadowlark	338	
Red-wing	1,982	
Orchard Oriole	9	B, D in B
Baltimore Oriole	419	
Rusty Blackbird	2	V
Bronzed Grackle	513	
Cowbird	704	
Scarlet Tanager	96	
Cardinal	23	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	135	
Indigo Bunting	92	
Evening Grosbeak	89	B,V,EE,FF
Purple Finch	44	
Pine Siskin	3	Z
Goldfinch	1,644	
Towhee	124	
Savannah Sparrow	171	
Grasshopper Sparrow	22	
Henslow's Sparrow	27	
Vesper Sparrow	100	
Junco	11	J,K,CC,FF
Chipping Sparrow	355	
Field Sparrow	121	
White-crowned Sparrow	105	
White-throated Sparrow	55	
Lincoln's Sparrow	4	B,C
Swamp Sparrow	118	
Song Sparrow	1,416	

Total - 196 Species, 38,660 Individuals

Spring Census Nesting Records

Red-shouldered Hawk	N2E 2Y	AA	
Ring-necked Pheasant	N14E	N	
Killdeer	N4Y	Z	
Mourning Dove	N2E; N2Y	B; AA	
Phoebe	N	Z	
Crow	N2E	AA	
Robin	N4E	C	
Bluebird	N4Y*	T	
Yellow Warbler	N	O	
Meadowlark	N1E; N5E	C; O	
Song Sparrow	N3E	L	

* Bluebird nest attacked by English Sparrows which succeeded in killing the young and driving the Bluebirds from the area.

Weather conditions for the census were windy and overcast most of the morning, but clear and sunny in the late afternoon. Rain fell in certain areas. Many observers found difficulty finding small birds, owing to persistent winds.

Despite weather conditions which were far from ideal, records for the seventeenth annual spring census surpassed every previous mark, both in numbers o f species and individuals seen, and in numbers of parties and observers afield. We can thank returned servicemen and relaxed restrictions for these records. Then too, unfavorable weather conditions and a succession of windy days throughout the first half of May seemed to hold the migrants back until the weekend of the census, and may have been responsible for bringing some of the more unusual species to our area.

There are many outstanding features of this census which a careful consideration of the list will reveal. The Brant is a new bird for this census, and the number of Evening Grosbeaks is unparalleled.

My thanks to all who participated.

Ed Seeber
Census Leader

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New Publication Schedule for "The Prothonotary"

The Executive Committee of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, having met to establish a more satisfactory arrangement for the publication of "The Prothonotary" has agreed upon the following publication schedule:

Day of the Month	Action	Person Performing Function
5th	All records received by Junior Statistician	Robert Wagner
10th	Records turned over to the Statisticians for checking	C.S.Beardslee and H.D.Mitchell
15th	Records turned over to the Editor. All articles and other material for publication must be in the Editor's hands by this date each month.	E.C.Ulrich
18th	Copy turned over for cutting of stencils.	W.C.Vaughan
21st	Stencils returned to Editor for mimeographing.	E.C.Ulrich
24th	Mimeographed pages turned over to Business Manager for assembling and mailing.	E.Seeber
26th	Copies mailed.	

This schedule, which will become effective with the August issue, must be rigidly followed if this publication is to be issued regularly and as early as is reasonably possible.

It is the duty of each observer to send all observations and nesting records to the Junior Statistician , who is now Robert Wagner, 23 Custer Street, Buffalo, New York, before the fifth of each month. Unless your cooperation is received, we cannot maintain both a rigid schedule and a thorough monthly report on the bird life of our territory.

The staff of "The Prothonotary" performs its functions on a voluntary basis. They will each do their part; it is up to each of you to do yours!

Edward Seeber
President

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Notes

Notes from Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, Rochester, N.Y.:

Week ending May 3: Red-throated Loon (seen throughout May), all of the swallows, and a very early Indigo Bunting.

Week ending May 10: Glaucous Gull, Snowy Owl, 8 species of warblers, Tree Sparrow.

Week ending May 17: Canada Goose, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Pipit, 24 species of warblers including Prairie Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, and a flock of 20 Evening Grosbeaks on May 12

in Stony Road section of Greece.

Week ending May 24: The bird census on May 19 totalled 162 species and was highlighted by records of one Brant from Braddock's Bay and 42 Evening Grosbeaks in Dewey Avenue section.

Week ending May 31: Double-crested Cormorant, Osprey, Short-billed Marsh Wren.

Records of New England Birds (M.A.S.)

In February, conditions showed little change from January. Dr. Gross reported 800 records of Snowy Owls for Maine during the winter, compared with a previous high of 528. Rarities included Black Gyrfalcon at Chatam, Ivory Gull at Andrew's Point, Hawk Owl at West Peabody, Oregon Junco at Northampton and Cardinal in Maine. Prairie Horned Larks reported in some numbers by February 28, which is quite a bit later than our Western New York records for this species.

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Future Events

Field Trips:

Sunday, July 21 - Canadian Shore of Lake Erie. Meet 8:00 A.M., Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge. Bring lunch and swimming suits. Leader - Edward Seeber, Riverside 8739.

Sunday, August 18-Canadian Shore of Lake Erie. Leader and place of meeting to be announced.

Meetings:

No meetings in July or August.

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The Month

June averaged one degree below normal in temperature. Were it not for a very warm final week, with high of 91 on the thirtieth, the month would have been notably cool. The first six days averaged nine degrees below normal, with minima in the low forties each night, and the middle three weeks continued cool. This was doubtless the reason why shorebirds lingered in the area until as late as the middle of the month. Of exceptional interest was our visit to Gull Island, where both Herring and Ring-billed Gulls have established nesting colonies. This trip is reported in detail below. Even greater significance attaches to the recording among the Noteworthy Records of two species never before observed in our territory, viz., the Leconte's Sparrow found by Mrs. Pixley in May, and the Magpies seen at Niagara Falls by many of our members. Further details of these records will appear in a later issue.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Least Bittern	June 16	6	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
Whistling Swan	" 1 - 4 L	1	Sandy Creek	Guelf
Canada Goose	" 4 L	1	Stafford's Pond	Beardslee
Baldpate	" 13 - 15	1	Lasalle Quarry	Wagner
Pintail	" 15 - 16	2	Gull Island	Brockner, Hermes
American Merganser	" 2	5	Point Abino	Brockner
Turkey Vulture	" 8	3	Bond Lake	Wagner, Diem
	" 9	1	Grand Island	Heilborn
	" 25	1	Chippewa, Ont.	Heilborn
Bald Eagle	May 23	4	Shadigee	Beadle, Pixley
	June 4	2	Delaware Park	Andrle
King Rail	" 16	1	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
	" 21	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Virginia Rail	June 1	2	Fogelsonger Road	Andrle
	" 16	15	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor, Wagner
	" 22	1	Gowanda	Nathan, Filor
	" 23	1	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
Sora	" 2	1	Starin & Kenmore	Andrle
	" 16	10	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor, Wagner
	" 30	1	near Akron	Nathan, Filor

Coot	June	23	1	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
Semipalmated Plover	"	2	25	Canadian Shore, L.Erie	Brockner
	"	2	1	Canadian Shore	Nathans
	"	9 L	1	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Mitchell et al.
Black-bellied Plover	"	2	1	Yacht Harbor	Brockner
Ruddy Turnstone	"	15 L	1	Gull Island	Brockner, Hermes
Wilson's Snipe	"	8	1	Lake Chatauqua	Sundell
	"	16	2	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
	"	23	3	Zoar Valley	Nathan, Filor
Yellow-legs	"	23 L	1	Gull Island	Andrle, Doyle et al
Knot	"	9 L	1	Gull Island	Mitchell et al
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	2 L	1	Canadian Shore	Nathans
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	9	1	Gull Island	Mitchell et al.
	"	9	2	Port Colborne	Mitchell et al.
Least Sandpiper	"	15 L	1	Gull Island	Brockner, Hermes
Red-backed Sandpiper	"	2	1	Millersport Hwy.	Wagner, Diem
	"	2	5	Frewsburg	Sundell
	"	9 L	2	Gull Island	Mitchell et al.
*Stilt Sandpiper	"	15	1	Gull Island	Brockner, Hermes
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	15 L	1	Gull Island	Brockner, Hermes
Sanderling	"	2 L	25	Frewsburg	Sundell
Great Black-backed Gull	"	9	1	Rockhouse Point	Savage
	"	12	1	Rose's Point	B. O. S. Meeting
	"	23	1	Gull Island	Andrle, Doyle et al.
Black Tern	"	16	300	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor, Wagner
Great Horned Owl	"	1	1	Grand Island	Nathan, Filor
	"	2	1 ad;2yg	Zoar Valley	Nathan
	"	15	1	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
Barred Owl	"	16	3	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
Long-eared Owl	"	1	6	North Forest Road	Andrle
	"	5	2	North Forest Road	Wagner, Diems
Short-eared Owl	April	27	1	Grand Island	Doyle
	June	9	1	Tonawanda	Doyle
	"	15	1	Grand Island	Andrle, Doyle
Whip-poor-will	"	13, 15	1,1	Gowanda	Wright
Kingbird	Apr.	29 F	1	North Clymer	Doyle
Blue Jay	May	23	flock of 20	Shadigee	Beadle, Pixley
Short-billed Marsh Wren	June	16	1	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor
	"	23	2	South Dayton	Filor
Brown Thrasher	"	1	1	Grand Island	Filor
	"	8	1	Lake Chatauqua	Sundell
Hermit Thrush	"	22	2	Gowanda	Nathan, Filor
Black & White Warbler	"	27	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	B. O. S. Meeting
Golden-winged Warbler	"	2	1	Tonawanda Ind. Res.	Wagner, Diems
Blue-winged Warbler	"	22	2	Gowanda	Nathan, Filor
	"	23	5	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
Magnolia Warbler	"	15	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Mitchell
Black-thr. Green Warbler	"	30	3	Clarence	Nathan, Filor
Cerulean Warbler	"	2	2	Batavia	Pixley
	"	1	13	Grand Island	Nathan, Filor
	"	23	4	Corfu	Wagner
Blackburnian Warbler	"	30	1	Clarence	Nathan, Filor
Black-poll Warbler	"	2 L	1	Ellicott Creek	Wagner, Diems
	"	2 L	1	Point Abino	Brockner
Northern Water-thrush	"	16	1	Dunnville	Nathan
	"	23	1	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
	"	30	2	Clarence	Nathan, Filor
Louisiana Water-thrush	"	23	1	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
Mourning Warbler	"	15	1	Wales Center	Mitchell, Vaughan
	"	23	3	Alden	Wagner
	"	23	1	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
	"	30	1	near Akron	Nathan, Filor

Hooded Warbler	June 9	4	Alden, Corfu	Wagner
	" 27	2	Chestnut Ridge Park	B. O. S. Meeting
Canada Warbler	" 15	2	Java	Mitchell, Vaughan
	" 23	2	South Dayton	Nathan, Filor
	" 30	2	Clarence	Nathan, Filor
Orchard Oriole	" 12	2	Fort Erie	B. O. S. Meeting
	" 15	4	Dunnville	Nathan, Filor, Wagner
	" 16	1	Long Beach	Andrle
Baltimore Oriole	May 1 F	1	Wanakah	Schmahl
Purple Finch	June all month		Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
Leconte's Sparrow	May 14, 18	1	North Leroy	Pixley

Breeding Bird Census

Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, N.Y. June 9, 1946

The area covered consisted of approximately 25 acres, elevation 1,900 feet, one mile south of the center of Franklinville, N.Y. The terrain consisted of slopes and valley with small stream; the vegetation was primarily maple and beech, with some pastureland reverting to forestland.

Participants in the census were Robert Andrle, John Filor, Bernard Nathan, Edward Seeber, William Vaughan and Robert Wagner.

The total list of apparently breeding species was 33, totaling 53 pairs, or more than 2.1 pairs per acre. Other birds were observed but not counted, since it appeared they were merely feeding on the area and either breeding elsewhere or not yet nesting.

The list is as follows:

1. Red-tailed Hawk	1 pr.; N,Y	18. Magnolia Warbler	1 pair
2. Ruffed Grouse	1 pair	19. Black-throated Green Warbler	1 pair
3. Woodcock	1 pair	20. Chestnut-sided Warbler	6 pairs
4. Mourning Dove	1 pair; N	21. Ovenbird	3 pairs
5. Hummingbird	1 pair	22. Mourning Warbler	1 pair
6. Flicker	1 pair	23. Hooded Warbler	1 pair
7. Sapsucker	1 pair	24. Canada Warbler	3 pairs
8. Crested Flycatcher	2 pairs	25. Redstart	3 pairs
9. Wood Pewee	1 pair	26. Cowbird	1 pair
10. Blue Jay	1 pair	27. Scarlet Tanager	3 pairs
11. White-br. Nuthatch	1 pair	28. Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 pair
12. Robin	1 pair	29. Indigo Bunting	1 pair
13. Wood Thrush	3 pairs	30. Towhee	2 pairs
14. Veery	2 pr.; N,4E	31. Slate-colored Junco	1 pair
15. Red-eyed Vireo	2 pairs	32. Field Sparrow	1 pr.; 4Y
16. Black & White Warbler	1 pair	33. Song Sparrow	1 pair
17. Nashville Warbler	2 pairs		

Species observed in the area, but believed not to be breeding there, were Crow, Baltimore Oriole and Goldfinch.

Bernard Nathan

Breeding Bird Census

William P. Alexander Sanctuary June 2, 1946

The area covered consisted of approximately 104 acres of land. 52 breeding species and 233 individuals were found, with an average of 22 breeding birds per 10 acres. Participants were John Filor, Harold Mitchell and Bernard Nathan.

The list is as follows, with the number of individuals indicated immediately after the name of the species, the letter "s" to indicate singing individuals of the species were found, and the letters N, Y and E used to designate nest, young and eggs, respectively:

1. Ruffed Grouse	3 (Drumming)		
2. Mourning Dove	1	s	
3. Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3	s	
4. Black-billed Cuckoo	3	s	N 2Y
5. Great Horned Owl	3 (1 ad.,2Y)		
6. Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	1		
7. Flicker	2	s	N(?)
8. Pileated Woodpecker	1	s	N(?)
9. Hairy Woodpecker	1		
10. Downy Woodpecker	1		
11. Crested Flycatcher	4	s	
12. Phoebe	2	s	
13. Wood Pewee	5	s	
14. Rough-winged Swallow	2		N
15. Blue Jay	3	s	
16. Crow	5	s	
17. Chickadee	11	s	(7ad.,4Y)
18. White-br. Nuthatch	2	s	
19. House Wren	2	s	N 7E
20. Catbird	1	s	
21. Robin	7	s	
22. Wood Thrush	4		N 1E
23. Veery	11	s	N 4E
24. Cedar Waxwing	3	s	
25. Yellow-thr. Vireo	2	s	
26. Blue-headed Vireo	3	s	
27. Red-eyed Vireo	16	s	
28. Black & White Warbler	4	s	
29. Golden-winged Warbler	2	s	
30. Blue-winged Warbler	11	s	
31. Yellow Warbler	1	s	
32. Magnolia Warbler	2	s	
33. Black-thr. Blue Warbler	2	s	
34. Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	9	s	
35. Blackburnian Warbler	6	s	
36. Chestnut-sided Warbler	7	s	
37. Ovenbird	13	s	N5E; N
38. Mourning Dove	1	s	
39. Northern Yellow-throat	1	s	
40. Hooded Warbler	6	s	
41. Canada Warbler	1	s	
42. Redstart	9	s	N
43. Baltimore Oriole	4	s	
44. Cowbird	6	s	
45. Scarlet Tanager	6	s	
46. Rose-br. Grosbeak	3	s	N 5E
47. Indigo Bunting	8	s	N 3E
48. Goldfinch	4	s	
49. Red-eyed Towhee	3	s	
50. Slate-colored Junco	12	s	
51. Field Sparrow	5	s	N4E; N4Y
52. Song Sparrow	5	s	

In addition to the above species, 1 Red-tailed Hawk and 1 Redwing flew over, but are not believed to nest on the property. Just west of the boundary line, a Nashville Warbler was heard singing.

Harold D. Mitchell

Gull Island Lives Up To Its Name

When, on June 1, 1946, I drove to Port Maitland, Ontario, to arrange for a boat to visit Gull Island, Stanley Franklin, the boatman, told me that both the large "Sea Gulls" and the smaller gulls with black rings on their bills had started to nest during the past two or three years. On our previous trip to the island, before the war, no gulls were found nesting. This information therefore made us look forward with great anticipation to our Audubon Society trip there on Sunday, June 9, and we were not disappointed.

The day was fair with a fairly strong westerly wind, but our boatman said it would be calm enough to make the trip. While waiting for Adrian Wells, who missed the right road and went many miles out of his way, we looked over the Port Maitland area and saw Black Terns, Prairie Marsh Wrens, Blue-winged Teal, American Bittern and Warbling Vireo, among others. Twenty-two of us in all, including Stanley Franklin and his helper, at length got under way in a fishing tug. We were well armed, not with guns, but with binoculars, telescopes, cameras for still pictures and motion pictures, and no less important, our lunches.

En route to the island, there was a long swell which caused the boat to roll, but without discomfort to the passengers. Many Common Terns were observed in flight, and all those going toward the island had a minnow in their bill. On arrival, the first landing (in a small boat) was made by James Savage, Winston Brockner and Bob Hermes, our cameramen, to give them plenty of time to take pictures and movies of the nesting birds. It required two more trips in the small boat to land the entire party on the beach.

Nests of the Common Tern were observed all along the higher parts of the beach to the north, east and west of the lighthouse. They were particularly numerous in three grassy areas near the highest points of the island where great care had to be taken to step without treading on eggs or young birds. We estimated that there were at least 1,400 and possibly 1,800 or more nests of this species. Most nests contained eggs, varying from one to four, average sets two or three, 1-5/8" x 1-1/8" in size. One unusual set of two chalky blue eggs 1-11/16" x 1-1/8" had very few spots. Some nests had eggs of three different ground colors in the same set. Water level was much higher than on our previous trips to see the island before the war, and the nesting area was therefore much restricted, as no tern nests were found on the formerly well-populated south and southwest sides, which showed signs of being washed by waves in recent storms.

Herring Gull nests were found close to the beach on the north side, and others to south and west of lighthouse, not mere depressions like the tern's nests, but built up solidly to a height of about 4" to 6". There were thirteen nests in all, containing from one to four eggs, mostly two or three eggs, 2-7/8" x 1-7/8" average size. Some nests contained young and in two cases the young had recently left, and were running about. According to Stanley Franklin, there was one nest in 1943, and two nests in 1944 and in 1945.

In a small area near the lighthouse, and in another area in the grass on the west side, I counted forty five of the much less pretentious nests of the Ring-billed Gull. They averaged about three eggs per nest with two and four in others, and young in only three or four of the nests. The eggs averaged 2-1/4" x 1-5/8", and one odd set of three eggs had a green blue ground color, with only a few indistinct spots. There may have been a few more nests, as some were well hidden in fairly tall grass.

We do not recall any nesting of Herring or Ring-billed Gulls previously reported from eastern Lake Erie. According to Stanley Franklin, the Ring-billed Gulls did not nest previous to 1945, when he estimated there were sixty nests, a larger number than we found this year. A Spotted Sandpiper nest with four eggs, 1-1/4" x 7/8" was located, also two nests of Pintail, one with four young and three eggs 2-1/8" x 1-7/16", and the other with nine eggs, 2-1/4" x 1-5/8", with some averaging smaller. Some of the young left the nest when we approached. On July 3, 1938, a female Pintail with eight young was seen swimming near Gull Island, and on June 18, 1939, a pair of Pintail was at the island, but the nest, if there, was not located at that time. Two Redwings and a Song Sparrow were seen on the island and were probably nesting there also. While a Crow nest was found on previous trips, we found none this year, nor did we see any crows on the island.

During the four hours we were on the island, various shorebirds alighted there for short periods and then migrated onward. Among them were one Knot, two Red-backed Sandpipers, one White-rumped Sandpiper, eleven Semipalmated Sandpipers and one Ruddy Turnstone.

Several hundred gulls were present on the island and at Rock House Point, one Great Black-backed Gull was observed. Non-breeding Herring and Ring-billed Gulls were about equal in numbers.

On our return trip the lake was calm, and we went up the Grand River for a half mile or more above Port Maitland, observing many Black Terns which nest on muskrat houses in the marsh, and a number of Blue-winged Teal. At Port Maitland a nest of the Yellow Warbler with five eggs was found by Axel Heilborn.

All agreed that the trip was of great interest to them, not only because of the nesting gulls, but because of the shorebird migrants and the constantly changing pattern of birds awing. It was a sight long to be remembered.

Harold D. Mitchell

Study of Breeding Birds

The Activities Committee is very anxious to receive any information available about the summer distribution of all species of birds, and particularly the following: herons of all species, Cooper's Hawk, Alder Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Migrant Shrike, Black and White Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler and Blue-winged

Warbler. Please forward at the earliest possible moment any additional data on these species to Bernard Nathan, Hotel Stuyvesant, Buffalo 9, New York, so the results of the survey may be compiled for a future issue of "The Prothonotary" in the near future.

Notes

Notes from the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, Rochester, N.Y.:

Week ending June 7: Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Olive-sided Flycatcher.
Week ending June 14: Eight species of hawks, including a very late Osprey.
Week ending June 21: Alder Flycatcher, noted as gradually increasing in numbers over the past ten years.
Week ending June 28: Hooded Merganser (very unusual at this season), Bald Eagle, On June 23, Great Blue, Black-crowned Night and Green Herons were all observed flying over deep water and picking up dead alewives from the surface. This was done both on the wing and by lighting on the water surface.

Notes from Geneva, N.Y.:

Ethel Murden tells of Hudsonian Curlews at Montezuma, May 26; Golden Plover, May 12; and of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers nesting at Keuka Park and at Watkin's Glen. Their Spring Census on May 12 totalled 173 species, a good list for such an early date.

Harold D. Mitchell

Future Events

Field Trips:

Sunday, August 18 - Canadian Shore of Lake Erie. Meet 8:00 A.M., Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge. Bring lunch. Leader - Edward Ulrich, Parkside 8896

Sunday, Sept. 8 - Niagara Loop, for fall warblers. Meet 8:00 A.M., Busti Ave. entrance to Peace Bridge. Bring lunch. Leader to be announced in next issue.

Beginning Saturday, August 10, there will be trips through Delaware Park and Forest Lawn Cemetery each Saturday morning during the fall migration. Meet 7 A.M. Windsor Ave. & Rumsey Road.

Meetings:

Wednesday, Sept. 11-Picnic meeting at Beaver Island Park, Grand Island. Meet 6 P.M. at Casino.

Wednesday, Sept. 25-Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8 P.M. Program to be announced.

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The Month

July was a typical summer month, slightly drier and warmer than normal. Precipitation was well spaced to provide good growing weather for the farmer, however. From the fourth to the eleventh the daylight hours were very warm, with highs of from 84 to 94 degrees. Very often the shorebird migration gets at least a modest start during this period in July, but these temperatures (84, 86, 86, 90, 84, 86, 92 and 94) were not such as would lead the limicolae to "jump the gun" this year, and it was not until a heavy rain during the evening of the eleventh had broken the heat wave, that these interesting birds began to arrive. The month was marked by a good scattering of egrets through the area, the early return of Bonaparte's Gulls and Black Terns, and a very regrettable scarcity of Short-billed Marsh Wrens.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Horned Grebe	July 14	1	Niagara Gorge	Wagner
American Egret	" 14 F	1	near Akron	Seeber
	" 17 - 31	3	Schraders Pond, Fredonia	Stanley
	" 20	2	Ashford Junction	Somerside
	" 26	1	Stillson's Pond, E. Randolph	Stanley
	" 20	4	Angola	fide Wright
	" 30	1	south of Hamburg	Wright
Least Bittern	" 6	1	Castile	Filor, Keim
Green-winged Teal	" 21	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
Redhead	" 10	1	Niagara Falls	Filor, Keim
Lesser Scaup Duck	" 28	1	Rock House Pt., Ont.	Mitchell et al
Old-squaw	" 14	1	Niagara Gorge	Wagner
Ruddy Duck	" 7	1	Angola (present at least a week; farmer claims a pair nested there)	Wright
Surf Scoter	" 13	1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan, Filor
American Merganser	" 28	1	Rock House Pt., Ont.	Mitchell et al
Turkey Vulture	" 26	2	Maple Springs	Beal
Bald Eagle	" 28	1	Ripley	Beal
Bob-white	" 22	1	Shermansville	Sundell
Virginia Rail	" 5	1	Gainesville	Filor, Keim
	" 6	1	Castile	Filor, Keim
	" 21	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al

Sora	July	6	1	Castile	Nathan, Keim
	"	21	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
Coot	"	6	1	Castile	Filor, Keim
Semipalmated Plover	"	14 F	1	Bertie Bay, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Black-bellied Plover	"	27 F	2	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Wright
Ruddy Turnstone	"	23 F	9	Canadian shore	Schaffner
Wilson's Snipe	"	21	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
Solitary Sandpiper	"	21 F	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
Greater Yellow-legs	"	11 F	2	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Lesser Yellow-legs	"	5	10	Rock House Pt. & Willow Bay, Ont.	Gamble
	"	11	9	Canadian shore	Nathan, Filor
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	21 F	1	Yacht Harbor	Seeber et al
	"	23	6	Yacht Harbor	Schaffner
	"	28	20	Canadian shore, L.Erie	Mitchell et al
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	21 F	1	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	28	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Mitchell et al
Least Sandpiper	"	16 F	2	Tonawanda	Mitchell
Dowitcher	"	21 F	2	Dunnville, Ont. & Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	23	2	Yacht Harbor	Schaffner
Stilt Sandpiper	"	21 F	4	Canadian shore, L. Erie	Seeber et al
	"	23	1	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Schaffner
	"	24	2	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Filor
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	14 F	24	Canadian shore, L.Erie	Nathan, Filor
Western Sandpiper	"	21 F	1	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	28	2	Crescent Beach & Dunnville, Ont.	Mitchell et al
Sanderling	"	21 F	1	Canadian shore	Seeber et al
	"	23	9	Canadian shore	Schaffner
Great Black-backed Gull	"	14	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
	"	21	2	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	28	1	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Bonaparte's Gull	"	14 F	9	Canadian shore, L.Erie	Nathan, Filor
	"	14 F	15	Niagara Falls	Wagner
Black Tern	"	21	362	Niagara River	Mitchell
Caspian Tern	"	14	1	Roses Point	Nathan, Filor
	"	21	1	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Seeber et al
Pileated Woodpecker	"	6	1	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	4	5	Freedom	Nathan, Wagner
	"	20	6	Freedom	Wagner
Bank Swallow	"	28	1,800	Canadian shore, L.Erie	Mitchell et al
Cliff Swallow	"	4	12	Arcade, Freedom	Nathan
*Magpie	June	16 F	2	Niagara Falls	Mrs. H.P.Kirchner
	July	18 L	2	Niagara Falls	Mrs. H.P.Kirchner
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	9	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Short-billed Marsh Wren	"	14	1	Akron	Seeber
*Mockingbird	"	14 F	1	Oak Orchard Swamp	Seeber
Hermit Thrush	"	7	1	near Portage	Nathan, Filor, Keim
Olive-backed Thrush	"	4	1	Freedom	Nathan, Wagner
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	4	1	Irving	Seeber
Migrant Shrike	"	26	2	Silver Creek	Sundell
	"	28	1	Corfu	Wagner
Blue-headed Vireo	"	7	1	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor, Keim
Black and White Warbler	"	4 - 7	6	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor, Keim
Black-throated Blue Warbler		4, 6	1,1	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor, Keim
Cerulean Warbler	July	6	1	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor, Keim
	"	11	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Filor, Keim
Louisiana Water-thrush	"	4	1	Letchworth Park	Filor, Keim
	"	4	2	Freedom	Nathan, Wagner
	"	20	1	Freedom	Wagner

Orchard Oriole	July 11	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Filor, Keim
Purple Finch	" 4, 5	1, 1	Letchworth Park	Filor, Keim
Henslow's Sparrow	" 28	1	Rock House Point, Ont.	Mitchell et al

Nesting Records

(For additional records, see results of breeding-bird censuses in July issue.)

N - nest; E - egg; Y - young; YO - young out of nest.

Green Heron	May 12	N1E	Lyndonville	Smith
Least Bittern	June 16	N3E	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner
Black-cr.Night Heron	early June	7N	Fort Erie, Ont.	Brockner
Black Duck	May 18	2YO	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell
	July 6	8YO	Castile	Filor, Keim
Pintail			See article, July issue	
Wood Duck	April 26	N2E;N6E;N;N;N	Lyndonville	Smith
	July 6	5YO	Castile	Filor, Keim
Blue-winged Teal	June 16	N10E	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner
Lesser Scaup Duck	June 1	several YO	Tifft St. marsh	Mitchell
Cooper's Hawk	April 27	NE	Zoar Valley	Andrle
	May 18	N5E	Zoar Valley	Andrle et al
	June 5	N5Y	Zoar Valley	Andrle et al
Red-tailed Hawk	April 27	N3E	Grand Island	Doyle
	May 5	N	Mud Lake	Mitchell et al
	May 22	NY	Zoar Valley	Doyle
	May 23	N 1 dead bird	Alden	Wagner
Red-shouldered Hawk	April 29	N4E	Clymer	Doyle
Broad-winged Hawk	April 27	building N	Zoar Valley	Andrle
	May 18	N4E	Zoar Valley	Andrle
	June 5	just hatching	Zoar Valley	Andrle et al
Bald Eagle	March 16	N	Navy Island, Ont.	Somerside, Brockn
	(Birds seen at nest during April and May by several observers.			
Marsh Hawk	early June	N4Y	Snyder	Doyle
Sparrow Hawk	April 29	N5E	Lyndonville	Smith
	May 5	N5E	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
	May 26	N5Y	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
Ruffed Grouse	May 25	N13E	West Valley	Schaffner
	June 20	12YO	Zoar Valley	Carter,rep.Mitch
Florida Gallinule	June 15	YO	Tifft Street marsh	Mitchell
Coot	June 20	YO	Tifft Street marsh	Filor
Killdeer	March 30	N1E	Clymer	Doyle, Murphy
	April 3	N4E (same N)	Clymer	Doyle, Mitchell
	May 24	N3E	foot of Genesee St.	Andrle
	May 28	N3E	Lyndonville	Smith
	May 29	N4E (different N)	Lyndonville	Smith
Woodcock	April 1	N4E	Ashville	Beal
	April 13	N2E	Alden	Webster
	April 19	N4E (same N)	Alden	Webster
	April 29	4YO	Lyndonville	Smith
	June 16	N2Y	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan, Wagner
Spotted Sandpiper	May 24	N4E	foot of Genesee St.	Andrle
	June 12	N4E	Erie Beach, Ont.	B.O.S. Meeting
Herring Gull	June 23	N1E;N2E;4YO	Gull Island, Ont.	Andrle, Doyle
			See article, p. 38, July issue	
Ring-billed Gull			See article, p. 38, July issue	
Common Tern	June 14	100N (estimated)	Outer island at end of causeway above Goat Island	Mitchell
	June 27	400N	Donnelly's Pier, Buffalo Harbor	Seeber

Mourning Dove	April 6	N2E	Lyndonville	Smith
	April 7	N2Y	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	April 29	3N2E	Buffalo	Doyle
Screech Owl	April 17	N2E	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
	May 25	1YO	Eden	rep. Brockner
Great Horned Owl	April 14	N2Y	Zoar Valley	Thorpe, Brockner
	April 20	N2Y	Canadian shore, L.Erie	Brockner
	April 26	YO	Zoar Valley	Johnston
	April 29 to May 9	N2Y	Castile	Thompson
Barred Owl	June 16	3YO	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Long-eared Owl	June 1	N,4YO	North Forest Road	Andrle
Flicker	May 7	N2E	Lyndonville	Smith
Red-headed Woodpecker	June 23	N	Grand Island	Wagner
Hairy Woodpecker	May 5	NY	Sinking Ponds, E.Aurora	Thorpe
Phoebe	May 12	N	near Akron	Nathan et al
	July 20	NE	Arcade	Wagner
Tree Swallow	June 6	5N	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner
Bank Swallow	June 13	25N	Lasalle Quarry	Wagner
Barn Swallow	May 30	N	Gowanda	Thorpe, Brockner
Cliff Swallow	May 30	13N	Gowanda	Thorpe, Brockner
	May 31	2 colonies	South Dayton	Webster
	June 23	51N	South Dayton	Pack, rep. Webste
	June 25	2 colonies, feeding Y in nests	South Dayton	Webster
	July 4	10N	Freedom	Nathan, Wagner
Blue Jay	early June	N	East Aurora	rep. Mitchell
	July 16	N, Y	Stamford, Ont.	H.W.Kerr, rep. Mitchell
Chickadee	April 12	N	Goat Island	Eames
White-br. Nuthatch	June	N	Lincoln Park	Doyle
House Wren	May 23	N1E	Lyndonville	Smith
	August 7	Y left N	Buffalo	Mitchell
Prairie Marsh Wren	June 16	N5E	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner
Robin	April 30	4N4E	Buffalo	Doyle
	May 1	YO	East Aurora	Wild
Catbird	May 29	N1E	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
	June 27	N3E1Y	Evans	Seeber
Wood Thrush	May 26	NE	Eden	Mitchell et al
	May 31	N4E	Gowanda	Wagner
	June 15	N4E	Chestnut Ridge Park	Mitchell
	June 30	YO	LaSalle	Heilborn
Veery	May 30	N4E	Gowanda	Wagner
Bluebird	May 5	N	Sinking Ponds, E. Aurora	Thorpe
	June 23	N4E	Corfu	Wagner
Cedar Waxwing	July 20	NY	East Aurora	Wagner
Migrant Shrike	May 26	N5Y	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber, Thorpe
Warbling Vireo	June 16	N	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Yellow Warbler	May 25	N1E	Batavia	Pixley
	May 27	N3E (same N)	Batavia	Pixley
	June 7	N5E (same N)	Batavia	Pixley
Cerulean Warbler	May 30	N	Batavia	Pixley
	June 6	N deserted (same N)	Batavia	Pixley
Northern Yellow-throat	June 22	YO	Lawtons	Avery
Redstart	June 2	N	Point Abino, Ont.	Brockner
	July 16	N1E1Y	Bear Swamp	Wagner
	July 16	N	Zoar Valley	Nathan
English Sparrow	April 30	4N, all with E	Buffalo	Doyle
Meadowlark	May 19	N	Oak Orchard Swamp	Doyle
Redwing	May 25	15N, most with 4E	Bond Lake	Wagner, Diem
	June 2	2N3E; 2N4E; N2E2Y; N1E3Y	Starin & Kenmore Aves.	Andrle
Orchard Oriole	June 12	N	Fort Erie, Ont.	B.O.S. Meeting
	June 19	N,feeding Y (same N)	Fort Erie,Ont.	Mitchell

Cardinal	June 13	2YO	LaSalle	Heilborn
	June 15	N	LaSalle	Heilborn
	June 30	N2Y	LaSalle	Heilborn
	July 12	Y had left N	LaSalle	Heilborn
	July 14	1Y fed by male	at feeder LaSalle	Heilborn
	July 23	new N3E	LaSalle	Heilborn, Mitchel
Purple Finch	June 18	N4Y	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
Savannah Sparrow	May 30	NE	Gowanda	Thorpe
	June 10	2NE	Sheridan	Wagner
Vesper Sparrow	June 10	N4E	Niagara Falls Blvd.	Wagner
	July 4	N3E	Castile	Filor, Keim
Chipping Sparrow	June 14	N2Y	Univ. of Buffalo	Wagner
	August 8	N3Y	Long Beach, Ont.	Wagner, Diem
Field Sparrow	May 26	N4E	Zoar Valley	Johnston
	June 8	N	Lake Chatauqua	Sundell
Song Sparrow	May 10-17	N4E (destroyed)	Batavia	Pixley
	July 17	N3E	Bear Swamp	Wagner

The American Magpie at Niagara Falls

On June 16, Mrs. H. P. Kirchner, whose home is on the bluff just above the rapids at Niagara Falls, first saw two Magpies in her yard. Almost daily thereafter she noticed them in the vicinity, and took moving pictures of the pair at close range. It took a long time for the news to reach the ears of our members, however, and then we were informed through another source. On July 2 the Misses Mary Johnson and Frances Smith, of the Mathieson Alkali Works, saw a strange bird on the lawn at the foot of the bluff as they were on their way to work. They saw one again on the fifth, and described it to my friend, Mr. Wilmer H. Koch, who is also an employee of Mathieson, and an observer of very considerable experience. Mr. Koch could not imagine what the bird might be, and showed them pictures of everything from a junco to a night heron in an attempt to identify it for them. Not being able to satisfy them with any picture he showed them, he visited the spot on Saturday morning, July 6th. He got a fleeting glimpse of one bird, and immediately called me, giving the impressions of the ladies as well as his own. All I could think of to answer the description was a Magpie, but thinking that was out of the question, I offered to drive up later in the day and see if I could find the bird. That afternoon I received another call, and this time Mr. Koch informed me that he had just returned from another visit to the bluff, and had seen not one, but two birds, and not in the dense cover, but right on the lawn. He insisted that they were Magpies. I was still incredulous, but drove up to the Falls that evening. I did not locate the birds at that time, but promised Mr. Koch that I would try again. On Monday morning, July 8, I returned to the Falls, and met Mr. Koch. Again we were unable to locate them immediately, and as it was starting to rain, we were about to give up when we saw a flash of black and white as one of the birds flew from the undergrowth into the middle of a horse chestnut tree near the foot of the bluff. There was no longer any question - it was most certainly a magpie. I immediately called Harold Mitchell and asked him to spread the alarm, and at noon I returned to the spot. This time both birds were feeding on the lawn, and I had the rare treat of sitting on a park bench and studying them at close range. On the next and succeeding days the birds were observed by many of our members, including Savage, Mitchell, Seeber, Vaughan, Heilborn, Wright and Nathan. They were last seen by Mrs. Kirchner on July 18.

The question arises, which magpie, specifically or subspecifically, visited our territory so unexpectedly. The Yellow-billed race is immediately ruled out, for our birds had black bills. Axel Heilborn, who knows the European Magpie well, states positively that these were not of that race, basing his decision on the size of the white wing patches. If this is indeed diagnostic, we have Mrs. Kirchner's pictures to support it. Taverner (Birds of Eastern Canada, p. 161) says, "In 1879 a number of Magpies imported from England were liberated at Levis opposite Quebec. Some of the records (he speaks of 'a number of records in the Maritime Provinces and lower Great Lakes region' but has examined no specimens. C.S.B.) may refer to descendants

of those introduced birds and not to natives. Specimens of these eastern birds are greatly desired." Taverner's book was published in 1922. Possibly some of the earlier records to which he refers were of Quebec birds, but today after the lapse of sixty-seven years, it would seem that the liberated birds would either be definitely established or totally non-existent. Since there has been no evidence that they are established, we enter the record as Pica pica hudsonia, and offer it as the first record of which we have knowledge for New York State.

C. S. Beardslee

Notes

This is an American Egret year in Western New York. Beside the published July records, five have been seen on Cedar Street, 3 1/2 miles north of Akron, N.Y., one on Burntship Creek and two on a marsh near Lake Ontario at Hamlin. We should have more reports from the Allegheny River and from lakes south of Buffalo. Please visit all likely areas and report.

Rochester Bird Notes for July include records of Saw-whet Owl and Winter Wren, and a new breeding bird for Monroe County in the discovery of a nest with eggs of the Common Tern at Irondequoit Bay. The fall-migrant shorebird season was announced by records of Solitary Sandpiper and Lesser Yellow-legs during the week ending July 11. There were seven American Egrets at the mouth of Preston's Creek on Lake Ontario from July 12 to 14.

The Cleveland Bird Calendar for March, April and May, 1946, includes among the many interesting records Eared Grebe April 24 at Corning Lake, Holden Arboretum, and large numbers of Evening Grosbeaks from November 18, 1945, to May 12, 1946. Early records include Wood Duck March 9 and Baltimore Oriole March 24. On May 5 (the same day that our group noted a hawk flight south of Buffalo) an impressive hawk flight was observed at Bay Village on Lake Erie, all moving eastwardly. In the half hour between 10:15 and 10:45 A.M. about 65 Cooper's Hawks, 30 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 15 Red-shouldered Hawks, 2 Marsh Hawks, 1 Sparrow Hawk and 1 Turkey Vulture were identified. A Hudsonian Godwit at Fremont on May 18 is also noteworthy.

H. D. Mitchell

Records of New England Birds

March 1946 was exceptionally warm, and marked by the early arrival of Pied-billed Grebes, herons, Coot, Spotted Sandpipers and Pine Warbler, among others. Waterfowl migration was very poor. Unusual species included Pacific Loon in Essex County, European Widgeon, European Teal at Newbury, Mass., and Truston Pond, R.I., five Red-headed Woodpeckers at Swanton, Vt., and a Harris's Sparrow at Ipswich, Mass. The heavy winter populations of Snowy Owls, Northern Shrikes and Evening Grosbeaks remained throughout the month.

April 1946 was cold during the first half when the migration was poor, although the last two weeks showed remarkably early arrival of several species, including Black-billed Cuckoo, Nashville and Blackburnian Warblers, Bobolink and four Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, all recorded between April 20 and 24. Rarities included Little Blue Herons, a Black Vulture at Orleans, Mass., a Gray Gyrfalcon at Newburyport, Mass., and Acadian Chickadee at Lincoln, Mass. Evening Grosbeaks remained throughou the month, as did the Harris's Sparrow at Ipswich.

W. C. Vaughan

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, September 11 - Picnic meeting at Beaver Island Park, Grand Island. Meet 6 P.M. at Casino.

Wednesday, September 25 - Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8 P.M. Fall get-together and forum meeting.

Wednesday, October 9 - Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8 P.M. Annual meeting and election of officers; plans for the fall duck census.

Field Trips:

Sunday, September 8 - Niagara Loop, for fall warblers. Meet 8:00 A.M. Busti Avenue entrance to the Peace Bridge. Bring lunch. Leader, Edward Seeber, Riverside 8739.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 14-15 - Tentative plans for a Pymatuning trip, leaving Buffalo Saturday morning, 8 A.M., visiting Presque Isle, Pa., en route, and returning to Buffalo Sunday afternoon. Persons planning to attend please call Wm. C. Vaughan, Parkside 0384 , by Sept. 5 at the latest.

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The Month

August was cooler by 2.4 degrees than average, but was quite noteworthy in its lack of any marked heat waves or cool spells. Throughout almost the entire month the daily departure from normal was trifling. Toward the end the nights became chilly, however, particularly on the 29th and 30th, when lows of 45 and 43 were recorded. Due to the evenness of the weather, the warblers were exceptionally slow in initiating their migration. Ordinarily this movement is well started by the 15th, and occasionally as early as the 10th or even (rarely) the 5th. This year, however, the warbler migration was delayed until the end of the month, and could scarcely be considered better than "sketchy" as compared with normal August invasions. Precipitation was reported as 4.35 inches, higher than average by 1.27 inches. These figures are somewhat misleading, however. It must always be borne in mind that while temperatures are fairly even over a rather large area, precipitation may be very restricted indeed. The only figures available to us are those of the Weather Bureau at the Buffalo Airport, but these cannot safely be considered as a true picture of our entire territory. Actually, a very severe drought was in progress in our southern counties during August. For that reason this department tries not to draw erroneous conclusions from the weather statistics so far as precipitation is concerned, preferring to stress the temperature variations, which, as a matter of fact, are usually much more apt to affect bird life during the warmer months.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Horned Grebe	August all month	2	Niagara Falls	several members
American Egret	July 19	1	12 mi. east of Corry, Pa.	Bourne
	August 3, 25	1, 5	Akron (Mr. Schmitt reports 1 - 3 present for a week previous to August 3.)	Doyle;Mitchell
	August 8, 25	2, 1	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner; Seeber
	" up to 31	1, 2	Burntship Creek	several members
Least Bittern	" 4	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner
	" 8	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner, Diem
Baldpate	" 30 F	4	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
Pintail	" 25 F	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
Green-winged Teal	" 26 F	1	Niagara Falls	Wagner, Drobitz
Shoveller	" 4 F	1	Wainfleet Marsh,Ont.	Wagner, Drobitz
	" 25	8	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al

Redhead	August	all month	1	Niagara Falls	several members
Red-breasted Merganser	"	12	1	Windmill Point, Ont.	Wagner
	"	19	4	Niagara Falls	Doyle
	"	25	1	Canadian shore	Seeber, Nathan
Turkey Vulture	"	10	3	Stockton	Chatauqua Bird Club
Bald Eagle	July	18	2	Ripley	Bourne
Osprey	August	10 F	1	Chippewa, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Duck Hawk	July	20	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	August	3	1	Akron	Doyle
	"	3	1	Canadian shore	Nathan, Filor
	"	11	1	Akron	Mitchell et al
Pigeon Hawk	"	16	1	chasing sandpipers at Dunkirk	Bourne
King Rail	July	8, 9	1	Tifft Street	Bourne
	August	25	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber
Virginia Rail	"	23	2	Strawberry Island, Niagara River	Wagner, Filor
Florida Gallinule	"	18	85	Dunnville, Ont.	Ulrichs
Golden Plover	"	19	1 in	nuptial plumage, Goat Island	Savage
Black-bellied Plover	"	8 F	12	Rock House Pt., Ont.	Wagner, Diem
	"	21 - 31	2 - 8	Niagara Falls	several members
Yellow-legs	"	12	15	LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
Wilson's Snipe	"	3	1	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Upland Plover	"	25	1	Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Western Willet	"	16 - 25	4 - 1	Tonawanda	Mitchell, others
	"	20	1	Tifft Street	Wagner
Knot	"	18	2	Long Beach, Ont.	Bourne
Pectoral Sandpiper	July	25	9	Univ. of Buffalo campus, feeding on watered lawn with Robins and Killdeer	Bourne
White-rumped Sandpiper	August	7	1	Wickwire	Murphy
	"	12	1	LaSalle Quarry	Nathan, Filor
	"	19	1	Niagara Falls	Doyle
Baird's Sandpiper	"	3	1	Canadian shore	Nathan, Filor
	"	16	1	Dunkirk	Bourne
Least Sandpiper	July	10 F	1	North Tonawanda	Bourne
E. Dowitcher	August	1	2	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Bourne
	"	3	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
	"	4	1	Yacht Harbor	Andrle
	"	7	1	Port Colborne, Ont.	Doyle
Stilt Sandpiper	July	26	1	Goat Island	Bourne
	August	3, 4	8	Canadian shore	Nathan, Filor
	"	11	1	Akron	Mitchell et al
	"	21 L	1	Tifft Street	Andrle
Western Sandpiper	"	3	1	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
	"	7	2	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Bourne
	"	16	1	Dunkirk	Bourne
Great Black-backed Gull	"	21 - 31	1 - 5	Niagara Falls	Filor, Wagner
Forster's Tern	"	27, 29	1	foot of Sheridan Dr.	Seeber
Caspian Tern	"	15	3	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Bourne
	"	19	1	Niagara Falls	Doyle
	"	21	2	Niagara Falls	Filor, Wagner; Bourne
Screech Owl	"	14	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	24	1	Eden	Mitchell
Barred Owl	"	9	1	Orchard Park	Bourne
Bank Swallow	"	7	2,500 plus	on wires at Long Beach, Ont.	Bourne
Olive-backed Thrush	"	31	1	Port Colborne, Ont.	Mitchell et al

Pipit	August	25	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber, Nathan
Migrant Shrike	"	25	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber, Nathan
Black & White Warbler	"	all month	1 plus	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	"	12	1	Canadian shore	Wagner
Tennessee Warbler	"	30 F	2	Niagara Falls	Mitchell et al
Nashville Warbler	"	25 F		Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Magnolia Warbler	"	25 F		Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Cape May Warbler	"	25 F		Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	"	9		Letchworth Park	Wendling
Blackburnian Warbler	"	25 F		Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	8		Letchworth Park	Seeber et al
Black-poll Warbler	"	25 F	3	Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Northern Water-thrush	"	4 F	1	Canadian shore	Andrle
Wilson's Warbler	"	25 F	1	Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Canada Warbler	"	12 F	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Wagner
Henslow's Sparrow	"	20 L	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Nelson's Sparrow	"	11	1	Riverside Park	Murphy
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	8	1	Wainfleet Marsh, Ont.	Wagner, Diem

Nesting Records

Pied-billed Grebe	August 19	4Y	Burnt Ship Creek	Doyle
Blue Jay	April 17 - 30	Building N	East Aurora	L.E. Chamberlain
	" 30	(same nest) 1 egg; May 5 3 eggs, 2 broken		
Cedar Waxwing	August 25	NY	East Elma	Chas. Simmon's yard
Cowbird	" 25	1YO	fed by Yellow Warbler at Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Andrle
Cardinal	" 14	3YO	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
Goldfinch	" 8	N6E	Long Beach, Ont.	Wagner, Diem
Chipping Sparrow	" 8	N4Y	Long Beach, Ont.	Wagner, Diem

The Leconte's Sparrow

On May 14 I sat on the bank of Oatka Creek north of Le Roy, resting after a tramp through a section of woods and underbrush. I was attracted to the opposite bank of the creek directly across from me by two Goldfinches which were feeding on a dandelion. Almost immediately another bird joined them. The Goldfinches flew away. I knew the newcomer was something I had never seen before because of its coloring which I called a pinkish copper. It clung to the dandelion stem only a few seconds, then flew a little higher up the bank, where it ran up the stem of a sturdy-looking weed, and clung there long enough to be studied with binoculars. I recognized it to be some species of sparrow by its size, general contour and movements.

Each day thereafter I went back to the same spot in the hope that I might see this bird again. On May 18 my reward came in the fullest measure. Approaching again the bank of the Oatka at exactly the same spot as on May 14th, I walked through some tall grass and flushed a bird which flew to the top of a very low shrub. There, not more than five feet from me, was my coppery-colored bird. It seemed that it posed especially for me, and I got its markings very clearly. Its breast was suffused with a deep pinkish buff, heavier near the throat and extending around the neck like a collar. There definitely was not an eye patch, but as it turned I saw a white line through the center of the crown. The dark markings in the plumage of the back appeared to be jet black. The bird looked like a sparrow washed all over with coppery-buff, with the black spots of the back standing out prominently. There was only one disappointment in this thrilling experience. The bird did not make a sound, so I had no opportunity to make any notes of either its song or its call note.

Mrs. O. L. Pixley

1946 Breeding Birds of Buffalo, New York

The following species of birds have been found within the city limits of Buffalo during the breeding season of 1946, and those marked with an asterisk have actually been found nesting:

* 1. Pied-billed Grebe
2. Green Heron
3. Black-crowned Night Heron
4. American Bittern
5. Least Bittern
* 6. Mallard
* 7. Black Duck
8. Blue-winged Teal
* 9. Lesser Scaup Duck
*10. Sparrow Hawk
*11. Ring-necked Pheasant
12. Virginia Rail
13. Sora
*14. Florida Gallinule
*15. Coot
*16. Killdeer
*17. Spotted Sandpiper
*18. Common Tern
*19. Rock Dove
*20. Mourning Dove
21. Black-billed Cuckoo
*22. Screech Owl
23. Nighthawk
24. Chimney Swift
*25. Belted Kingfisher
*26. Flicker
27. Downy Woodpecker
28. Crested Flycatcher
29. Alder Flycatcher
30. Wood Pewee
31. Prairie Horned Lark
32. Rough-winged Swallow
*33. Purple Martin
*34. Crow
35. White-breasted Nuthatch
*36. House Wren
37. Prairie Marsh Wren
38. Catbird
*39. Robin
40. Wood Thrush
41. Cedar Waxwing
*42. Starling
43. Red-eyed Vireo
44. Yellow Warbler
45. Northern Yellow-throat
*46. English Sparrow
47. Meadowlark
*48. Red-wing
49. Baltimore Oriole
*50. Bronzed Grackle
*51. Cowbird
52. Indigo Bunting
*53. Purple Finch
54. Goldfinch
55. Savannah Sparrow
*56. Chipping Sparrow
*57. Song Sparrow
58. Swamp Sparrow

We should appreciate hearing of any additions to the above list.

Bernard Nathan

Results of 1946 Breeding Bird Studies for Three Species

To date the Activities Committee has received the following information concerning three of the species of breeding birds about which they particularly requested nesting data:

1. Alder Flycatcher - In Ontario, Canada, at Grand River along the canal, a pair was found every 150 feet in the shrubby marsh there; 1 pair at Sherkston; 1 pair in a marsh at Fort Erie; a few at Rose's Point; 4 birds at Port Colborne; and two birds at Windmill Point on August 3. In Cattaraugus County, about twelve birds at Gowanda; 4 birds at South Dayton; 1 bird at Markham's. In Erie County, 4 to 6 birds at Tifft Street, Buffalo; on Grand Island, 1 bird on Staley Road and 4 birds at Burnt Ship Creek; 1 bird at Clarence. In Wyoming County, 3 birds at Thompson's Pond, Castile; 1 bird at Gainesville. No reports from Allegany, Chatauqua, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara and Orleans Counties.

2. Golden-winged Warbler - In Cattaraugus County, 2 birds at Versailles; in Erie County, 2 birds at Nature Sanctuary in Zoar Valley; in Genesee County, four birds on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation. No reports from Allegany, Chatauqua, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties and Ontario, Canada.

3. Blue-winged Warbler - In Cattaraugus County, 4 pairs at Versailles, 5 birds south and east of Gowanda and one bird in the woods across from the hospital

at Gowanda; in Chatauqua County, recorded at Findley Lake and at Frewsburg; in Erie County, 13 singing males at Nature Sanctuary in Zoar Valley. No reports from Allegany, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties and Ontario, Canada.

Bernard Nathan

Notes

A course on the shore birds, marsh birds, water birds and birds of prey will be offered by the Museum this fall, as a part of the Adult Education Evening Program. The course will consist of ten Thursday evening meetings, beginning October 3, and ten field trips, to be held alternately Saturday afternoons and Sundays. William C. Vaughan will be the instructor.

N.B. The 38th species of bird listed on page 38 in the July 1946 issue of THE PROTHONOTARY should be "Mourning Warbler" instead of "Mourning Dove".

Rochester Bird Notes for August show only one American Egret record, compared with the several from our Niagara Frontier area. During the month Bald Eagle and Caspian Tern were noted, but there was no marked migration wave reported.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, September 25 - Fall get-together and forum meeting. Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 9 - Annual Meeting and election of officers; plans for the Fall Duck Census. Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 23 - Program to be announced. Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences, 8:00 P.M.

Lecture:

Sunday, October 13 - "Cruising the Labrador Coast", by Arthur A. Allen, Cornell University. Hayes Lecture; 3 P.M. Auditorium, Buffalo Museum of Sciences.

Field Trip:

Sunday, October 20 - Fall Duck Census. Plans to be made at meeting of September 25.

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September averaged almost three degrees warmer than normal. However, this was attributable to the fact that the second half was exceptionally mild, being seven degrees above average. New record highs were established for the 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 27th and 28th. In contrast, the first half of the month was cool, and saw the most remarkable migration of small land birds which has taken place, either in spring or fall, in many years. As noted in our last issue, August produced no migration of any consequence, and when September brought an immediate cool wave, with temperatures well below 50 degrees each night, warblers swarmed into western New York in such numbers that even the trees in the heart of the cities were filled with their fluttering wings. The peak of the wave was probably Sunday the eighth, when many observers were out, and all reported every tree and bush so full of birds hurrying through that only flash identification was possible, and but a negligible proportion could be positively recognized. The spectacular movement was maintained for several days on an almost equal scale until the middle of the month, when the sharp upward trend of the temperature brought a sudden end to the feverish migration. During the warm days that followed, activity slackened to such an extent that birding was as poor as it had been in August. Thus, instead of the normal forty-five day warbler migration from August 15 to September 30, with its occasional waves, we had in 1946 a fifteen-day migration which was one tremendous crescendo, long to be remembered by all of us who were fortunate enough to observe it.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Horned Grebe	Sept.	- all month	2	Niagara Falls	Several members
American Egret	"	1 - 22	1	Burntship Creek	Several members
Least Bittern	"	1 - 8	1 -3	Tifft Street	Several members
Baldpate	"	2	8	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
Pintail	"	6	2	Oak Orchard Swamp	Wagner
Redhead	"	8 - 25	1	Niagara Falls	Several members
Ring-necked Duck	"	15 F	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan et al
Lesser Scaup Duck	"	29	14	Canadian shore	Andrle et al
American Merganser	Aug.	26	1	Niagara Falls	Wagner, Drobitz
Red-breasted Merganser	Sept.	8	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Seeber et al
Gadwall	"	8	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Seeber et al

Osprey	Sept.	1	1	Canadian shore	Andrle et al
	"	6	1	Oak Orchard Swamp	Wagner
Duck Hawk	"	29	1	Canadian shore	Andrle et al
Pigeon Hawk	"	2	1	Porter Park	Mitchell et al
	"	6	1	Oak Orchard Swamp	Wagner
King Rail	"	2	1	Tifft Street	Nathan et al
	"	3	1	Dunkirk	Beardslee
Virginia Rail	"	15	7	Burntship Creek	Nathan et al
Sora	"	5, 28	-	Tifft Street	Several members
	"	15	3	Burntship Creek	Nathan et al
Florida Gallinule	"	4-8,28	-	Tifft Street	Several members
Coot	"	8		Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
Golden Plover	"	2 F	14	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
	"	8	11	Grand Island	Seeber et al
	"	26	26	Shore Acres	Meade
	"	28	14	Grand Island	Mitchell et al
	"	30	7	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
Western Willet	"	1 L	1	Tonawanda	Heilborn
Knot	Aug.	3	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
	Sept.	7	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Wright, Nathan
	"	14	1	Bird Island	Nathan, Filor
	"	28	1	Centennial Park	Seeber
	"	29	1	Canadian shore	Andrle et al
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	2	1	Bird Island	Andrle, Gamble
	"	7	1	Bird Island	Filor
	"	22	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle, Gamble
E. Dowitcher	Aug.	3	2	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Nathan, Filor
Stilt Sandpiper	"	7	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Filor, Keim
Western Sandpiper	"	18	1	Lowbanks, Ont.	Ulrichs et al
	Sept.	7	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Wright, Nathan
	"	8	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan et al
Great Black-backed Gull	"	1 - 29	2	Niagara Falls	Several members
Franklin's Gull	"	25, 26, 28, 29	1	Bird Island	Andrle et al
	"	29	1	Goat Island	Seeber
Little Gull	"	1, 21, 25, 29	1	Bird Island	Mitchell et al
Forster's Tern	"	13, 14	1	Bird Island	Andrle, Nathan
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	"	29 L	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Andrle et al
Screech Owl	"	21	1	Cazenovia Park	Andrle
Short-eared Owl	"	15	1	Grand Island	Nathan et al
Whip-poor-will	"	8	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
Nighthawk	"	29 L	1	Goat Island	Seeber
Chimney Swift	"	8		Niagara Falls	Seeber et al
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	"	8	1	Rose's Point, Ont.	Seeber et al
Pileated Woodpecker	"	3	1	Derby	Vaughan, Beardslee
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	28 F	2	Buffalo	Mitchell
Kingbird	"	14 L	1	Ripley	Mitchell, Vaughan
Crested Flycatcher	"	8 L	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber et al
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	"	2 F	1	Centennial Park	Mitchell et al
	"	8	1	Rose's Point, Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	8	3	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
Least Flycatcher	"	28 L	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seeber
Wood Pewee	"	29 L	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Andrle et al
Olive-sided Flycatcher	"	2	1	Porter Park	Mitchell et al
	"	8	1	Rose's Point., Ont.	Seeber et al
Bank Swallow	"	3	3	Irving	Beardslee, Vaughan
Barn Swallow	"	8		Grand Island	Seeber et al
Brown Creeper	"	14 F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Andrle et al
Short-billed Marsh Wren	"	14	15	Tifft Street	Seeber

Wood Thrush	Sept.	8	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Seeber et al
Hermit Thrush	"	8 F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Seeber et al
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	8 F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Filor et al
	"	28 L	1	(dead) Grand Island	Mitchell et al
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	8 F		Erie Beach, Ont.	Seeber et al
Pipit	"	28, 30	10, 15	Grand Island	Mitchell et al
White-eyed Vireo	"	8	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Nathan, Seeber et al
Yellow-throated Vireo	"	1 L	1	Letchworth Park	Seeber
Blue-headed Vireo	"	8 L	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber et al
Philadelphia Vireo	"	2 F	1	Centennial Park	Mitchell et al
	"	8	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	10	1	Front Park	Beardslee
Warbling Vireo	"	15 L	1	Derby	Seeber
	"	15 L	1	Niagara Falls	Beardslee
Black & White Warbler	"	8		Grand Island; Tifft St.	Several members
Golden-winged Warbler	"	8 L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Nathan et al
Orange-crowned Warbler	"	7	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Wright, Nathan
	"	29	12	Ellicott Creek Park	Seeber
Parula Warbler	"	7 F	1	Tifft Street	Filor et al
Yellow Warbler	"	8 L	2	Bird Is.; Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
	"	8 L	4	Erie Beach, Ont., & Rose's Pt., Ont.	Seeber et al
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	"	8 F	3	Buffalo	Mitchell et al
	"	8 F		Erie Beach, Ont., & Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber et al
Myrtle Warbler	Aug.	25 F		Canadian shore	Seeber et al
Pine Warbler	Sept.	1	1	Letchworth Park	Seeber
	"	7	1	Woodlawn	Wright, Nathan
	"	8 L	2	Brock's Monument, Ont., & Goat Island	Seeber et al
Western Palm Warbler	"	20 F	1	Beaver Island	Seeber
Connecticut Warbler	"	2	1	Porter Park	Mitchell et al
	"	7	8	Woodlawn	Wright, Nathan
	"	8	1	Lincoln Park	Mitchell et al
Mourning Warbler	"	8 F	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber et al
Hooded Warbler	"	7 F	1	Woodlawn	Wright, Nathan
		8	1	Rose's Point, Ont.	Seeber et al
	"	14	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
	"	19	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	"	21 L	2	Woodlawn	Nathan et al
Wilson's Warbler	"	8 L	30	Rose's Point, Ont., Erie Beach, Ont., & Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber et al
Bobolink	"	14 L	3	Tifft Street	Seeber
Baltimore Oriole	"	8 L	1	Rose's Point, Ont.	Seeber et al
Rusty Blackbird	"	21 F	1	Bird Island	Nathan, Filor
Evening Grosbeak	"	8	2	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Facklam, Seeber et al
White-throated Sparrow	"	19 F	3	Lasalle	Heilborn
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	14 F	2	Forest Lawn Cemetery; Delaware Park	Several members

Nesting Records

Mourning Dove	"	3	2Y	(just hatched) Lasalle	Heilborn
Cardinal	"	4	YO	Lasalle	Heilborn
Pine Warbler	July	5	2YO	Letchworth Park	Nathan, Filor et al

Errata - Nelson's Sparrow was included in the September issue's "Noteworthy Records" in error.

Results of the Society's Field Trip on September 8, 1946

Despite heavy rains and a very heavy cloud blanket, the scheduled field trip of September 8th got under way shortly after 8 A.M. with nine members present. The group went first to Rose's Point, then Erie Beach, Fort Erie, and northward to Niagara Falls and Brock's Monument. Continuous streams of warblers were moving eastward at Rose's Point, and at Erie Beach the stream became a torrent. Never in the experience of those present had such numbers of migrant warblers and other small birds been seen at this season! Blackpolls and Bay-breasted Warblers made up the bulk, but Redstarts, Magnolias, Chestnut-sided, Cape May and Tennessee Warblers were also very numerous. Many other species of birds were in the groups.

Finding almost no birds at Fort Erie, probably due to a change of wind at that time, we proceeded to Dufferin Islands. Here, migrants were passing through and over the tree tops too fast to be identified in most cases.

At Brock's Monument we again encountered a heavy migration, with several unusual birds observed. Later, at Goat Island, more warblers and also shore birds were found to be moving through. Peculiarly, the birds were moving northward or eastward wherever we saw them.

Among the better "finds" of the day were: White-eyed Vireo at Brock's Monument; Evening Grosbeaks at Brock's Monument; Philadelphia Vireo at Erie Beach; Pine Warbler at Brock's Monument and again at Goat Island; Orange-crowned Warbler at Goat Island; Gadwall at Fort Erie; Western Sandpiper at Goat Island; American Egret at Burntship Creek; and Golden Plover at Bedell Road on Grand Island.

The total list of 116 species observed for the trip should serve to show what a spectacular migration we witnessed. It may be a long time before we happen to have a trip scheduled on the peak day of a peak year as far as early fall migrants are concerned.

E. L. Seeber
Trip Leader

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes for September indicate no pronounced migratory movement until the second week of the month. Among the migrants then recorded were Horned Grebe, Goshawk (unusually early), Bald Eagle, 16 species of shore birds and nine species of warblers. Records for the week ending September 20 included Golden Plover among 14 species of shore birds, Caspian Tern, Nighthawk, Hummingbird, Kingbird and Pipit. During the last week of September, Knot, Tree Swallow, Blue-headed Vireo, Louisiana Water-thrush and Hooded Warbler were among the species reported.

New England Bird Records for May were of unusual interest. American and Snowy Egrets, Little Blue Herons and Yellow-crowned Night Herons (6 localities) were recorded. There were great, early flights of Sooty Shearwaters and Wilson's Petrels, several Greater Shearwaters, 2 Leach's Petrels, a White-bellied Booby and 2 Parasitic Jaegers. Thayer's, Franklin's and Little Gulls were seen, also a few Caspian Terns and Skinners. A Ruff was seen at Westport, Conn. An enormous sparrow wave on the 11th was followed by a spectacular warbler wave on the 17th, when at Nahant alone 300 Olive-backed and 25 Bicknell's Thrushes were seen with many species of warblers. A Blue Grosbeak in Connecticut and a Gambel's Sparrow at Cambridge were rarities.

New England Bird Records for June included reports of 2 Yellow Palm Warblers on Mt. Katahdin (first summer record for the region), and of Least Terns breeding as far north as Ipswich (the first since the 1860's). Rarities included Ward's Heron at Monomoy, the first for the Atlantic seaboard north of New Jersey. One Evening Grosbeak was reported as late as June 15.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, November 13 - A Summer at the Audubon Nature Camp in Maine, by Miss Gertrude Webster. 8 P.M., Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Sciences.

Field Trips:

Sunday, November 17 - Bird Island, Canadian Shore of Niagara River, Niagara Falls and Niagara on-the-Lake. Meet 8 A.M. Niagara and Ferry Streets; leader, Bernard Nathan, Grant 8020.

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The Month

October was a month of mild temperatures, sunny skies, and gentle winds. New daily maximums were set on the 5th, 27th, 28th, and 30th, and the last ten days averaged over thirteen degrees above the normal. In general, the month was notable for the presence of individual stragglers of many species, several records being so late as to have no precedent. Those birds which had decided to stay with us into October found mild weather to greet them, with temperatures in the eighties on the 5th, 6th, and 7th. During the late evening of the seventh I witnessed an interesting phenomenon. A wave of migrants was passing over, — not comparable to a May or September wave of course, but a wave nonetheless, with an average of fifteen notes per minute floating down from the dark sky. The flight was apparently composed of sparrows, warblers, and kinglets, with an occasional wren, thrush, and shorebird. It is unfortunate that we have no means of verifying these voices of the night, but it is a thrilling experience to hear them even so. However, the thing that interests me now is that at the time I was listening, the weather was still extremely mild (64° at 10 o'clock), and in fact warmer than any previous night since September 28. Why did these birds choose this particular night to move southward in numbers? Did they have some forewarning that later on during the night it was going to turn cold and that the next day would be subnormal?

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

F - First fall migrant
L - Last fall migrant

(C) - Species was also seen on Oct. 20 census
* - Denotes new for 1946

Horned Grebe (C)	Oct. 13 F	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Andrle, Gamble
Double-cr. Cormorant (C)	Oct. 6 F	1 Findley Lake	Seeber et al
Green Heron	Oct. 13 L	1 Tifft Street	Mitchell
Canada Goose (C)	Oct. 24	250 Orchard Park	Wander

Gadwall (C)	Sept.	15		1	Burntship Creek	Filer
	Oct.	16		1	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Pause
Green-winged Teal (C)	Oct.	5		30	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Wright
Redhead (C)	Oct.	6	F	5	Buffalo Harbor	Seeber, Andrle
	Oct.	16		5	Buffalo Harbor	Seeber, Andrle
	Oct.	10		1	Niagara Falls	Andrle
White-winged Scoter (C)	Oct.	17	F	1	Lyndonville	W. A. Smith
Ruddy Duck	Oct.	6	F	2	Findley Lake	Seeber et al
Turkey Vulture (C)	Oct.	6		20	Jaquin's Pond	Seeber et al
Sharp-shinned Hawk (C)	Oct.	5		1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Heilborn
Cooper's Hawk (C)	Oct.	27		2	Can. Shore Lake Erie	Nathan et al
		27		1	Bird Island	Wagner
Red-shouldered Hawk (C)	Oct.	5		1	East Aurora	James
		27	L	1	Bird Island	Wagner
Rough-legged Hawk (C)	Oct.	27		1	Grand Island	Elberg
Bald Eagle	Aug.	3		1	Orchard Park	Wander
		9		1	Ripley	Savage
Duck Hawk	Aug.	5	F	1	Sheridan	Sundell
Pigeon Hawk (C)	Oct.	10		1	Goat Island	Andrle
Ruffed Grouse (C)	Oct.	5		2	Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
		6		4	Jaquin's Pond	Seeber et al
Sora	Sept.	29	L	3	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Filer
Florida Gallinule	Oct.	13		6	Tifft Street	Mitchell
		23	L	1	Tifft Street	Wright
Coot (C)	Oct.	27		14	Burntship Creek	Seeber
Golden Plover	Oct.	10		1	Grand Island	Andrle
		26	L	16	Grand Island	Vaughan et al
Black-bellied Plover (C)	Oct.	27	L	6	Lowbanks, Ontario	Nathan et al
Ruddy Turnstone	Oct.	26	L	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan, Pause
Wilson's Snipe (C)	Oct.	6		25	Kentswitch, So. Dayton	Webster
		27		40	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Spotted Sandpiper (C)	Oct.	3		1	Frewsburg	Sundell
		5		2	Bird Island	Wagner
		27	L	1	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Nathan et al
Solitary Sandpiper (C)	Oct.	3		1	Frewsburg	Sundell
		6	L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Greater Yellow-legs (C)	Oct.	27		22	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Yellow-legs (C)	Oct.	27	L	10	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Pectoral Sandpiper (C)	Sept.	21		65	Tifft Street	Wright
	Oct.	21		1	Goat Island	Seeber
		27	L	10	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
White-rumped Sandpiper	Sept.	21		4	Tifft Street	Wright
	Oct.	21		1	Niagara Falls	Andrle
		27	L	2	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Red-backed Sandpiper (C)	Oct.	3	F	1	Bird Island	Andrle
		14		2	La Salle Quarry	Wagner
		21, 26		14,15	Niagara Falls	Andrle, Nathan
		27		70	Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Stilt Sandpiper	Sept.	22	L	1	Barcelona	Sundell
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Oct.	5	L	1	Bird Island Pier	Wagner
Sanderling (C)	Oct.	27	L	6	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Nathan et al
*Northern Phalarope (C)	Oct.	21		2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, Seeber
		24	L	4	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, Seeber
Gt. Black-backed Gull (C)	Oct.	13		1	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Andrle, Gamble
Forster's Tern (C)	Oct.	5		2	Beaver Island	Nathan, Seeber
		11		1	Bird Island	Wright
Common Tern (C)	Oct.	31	L	1	Bird Island	Andrle

Black Tern (C)	Oct.	31	L	1 Fort Erie, Ontario	Andrle
Screech Owl	Sept.	25,26		1,1 Frewsburg	Sundell
	Oct.	6,28		1,1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Great Horned Owl	Sept.	2		1 Frewsburg	Sundell
	Oct.	6,19		1,1 Frewsburg	Sundell
		6		1 Jacquin's Pond	Seeber et al
		27		1 Pt. Colborne, Ont.	Nathan et al
Short-eared Owl	Oct.	19		1 Whitechapel Cemetary	Windsor
*Saw-whet Owl	Oct.	27	F	1 Forest Lawn	Wagner
Whip-poor-will	Aug.	3		1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Pileated Woodpecker	Oct.	5		1 Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
		6		1 Jacquin's Pond	Seeber et al
		19		1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Red-headed Woodpecker	Oct.	27		1 Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Oct.	18	L	1 Buffalo	Filer, Wagner
Northern Horned Lark	Oct.	5	F	1 Grand Island	Nathan, Seeber
Tree Swallow	Oct.	15	L	6 Bird Island	Mitchell
Rough-winged Swallow	Oct.	10	L	4 Grand Island	Andrle
Purple Martin	Oct.	5	L	3 Grand Island	Nathan, Seeber
Red-breasted Nuthatch (C)	Sept.	27		15 Max., Frewsburg	Sundell
Winter Wren (C)	Sept.	22	F	5 Frewsburg	Sundell
*Carolina Wren	Oct.	3		1 Hamburg	Wright
	Had been inside of screened porch for 2 or 3 days previous (Mrs. Bacon).				
Short-b. Marsh Wren	Aug.	4		2 Frewsburg	Sundell
Olive-backed Thrush	Oct.	10	L	1 Niagara Falls	Heilborn
Gray-cheeked Thrush (C)	Oct.	10		1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Pipit (C)	Oct.	5		150 Max., Grand Island	Several members
		27		40 Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al
		27		1 La Salle Quarry	Wagner
Blue-headed Vireo	Oct.	14		1 Tonawanda	Harris
		19	L	1 Un. Buffalo Campus	Wagner
Red-eyed Vireo	Oct.	5	L	1 Grand Island	Nathan, Seeber
		5	L	1 Delaware Park	Wagner
Golden-winged Warbler	Sept.	14	L	1 Dunkirk	Sundell et al
Tennessee Warbler	Oct.	5		1 Delaware Park	Wagner
		6		1 Barcelona	Wagner et al
		13	L	1 Tifft Street	Mitchell
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct.	6		2 Barcelona	Seeber et al
		8	L	1 Forest Lawn	Mitchell
N. Parula Warbler	Oct.	5		3 Delaware Park	Wagner
		6	L	1 Jacquin's Pond	Seeber et al
Magnolia Warbler (C)	Oct.	5		1 Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
		5		1 Delaware Park	Wagner
		6		1 Jacquin's Pond	Seeber et al
Cape May Warbler (C)	Oct.	10		1 Grand Island	Andrle
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler (C)	Oct.	26	L	1 Delaware Park	Seeber
Blackburnian Warbler	Oct.	5	L	1 Delaware Park	Wagner
Bay-breasted Warbler	Oct.	5	L	1 Delaware Park	Wagner
Ovenbird	Oct.	5	L	1 Delaware Park	Wagner
		5	L	1 Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
No. Water-thrush (C)	Oct.	6		1 Barcelona	Wagner et al
Wilson's Warbler	Sept.	21	L	1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Redstart (C)	Oct.	5		1 Lincoln Park	Wagner
Rusty Blackbird (C)	Oct.	5		80 Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Wright
		23		20 Tifft Street	Wright
		27		85+Dunnville, Ontario	Nathan et al

Bronzed Grackle (C)	Oct. 27 L	7 Grand Island	Elberg
Cardinal (C)	Oct. thruout	at feeder, La Salle	Heilborn
Indigo Bunting	Oct. 6 L	1 Barcelona	Nathan, Drobitz
Purple Finch (C)	Oct. 10	15 max., Un. Bflo. Campus	Wagner
Pine Siskin (C)	Oct. 5 F	15 Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
	6	60 Barcelona	Seeber et al
	6	12 New Oregon	Thorpe
	27	5 Canadian Shore L.E.	Nathan et al
	27	2 Delaware Park	Wagner
Red-eyed Towhee	Oct. 26 L	1 Delaware Park	Wagner
*Nelson's Sparrow	Oct. 6	2 Shore Acres	Meade
Slate-colored Junco (C)	Oct. 5	Peak of migration	Many observers
Tree Sparrow (C)	Oct. 6 F	1 Ventswitch	Webster
Field Sparrow (C)	Oct. 19	100 max., Frewsburg	Sundell
White-crowned Sparrow (C)	Oct. 4 F	6 Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Fox Sparrow (C)	Oct. 10 F	1 Frewsburg	Sundell
Lincoln's Sparrow	Oct. 9 L	1 Tifft Street	Beardslee
Lapland Longspur	Oct. 5 F,10	3,3 Grand Island	Nathan, Seeber
	26,27	1,6 Grand Island	Vaughan et al, Elberg

Total species for year up to Sept. 30, 1946 . . . 252
New for October 4
Total species for year up to Oct. 31, 1946. . . . 256

Additional Nesting Records

Killdeer	June 8	N 4 E Albion	Brockners
Chipping Sparrow	June 8	N 4 E Albion	Brockners

Fall Census

The 1946 Fall Census was held on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1946. 23 parties, 56 individuals participated. The total list was the highest of any census taken between October 10th and 25th.

New species for the census were Goshawk: fine adult observed by the group on the Canadian Shore of Lake Erie; Baird's Sandpiper at Akron; Northern Phalaropes at Goat Island and in the Canadian Gorge; Grey-cheeked Thrush in the Praemissing Garage; and Northern Water Thrush at East Aurora.

The features of the census were the large flight of Pine Siskins, the unusually large numbers of most of the other finches, and of course the late dates for the warbler group. Ducks were low in number, but the weather and the forecasts from the breeding areas led us to expect that.

Territories Covered and Observers

A. Dunnville Marsh, Wainfleet and Rock House Pt. to Long Beach -- A.J. & B. Wright
B. Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, Ft. Erie to Long Beach -- Mitchell, Hickman, Elberg, Jones, Windsor, Graham.
C. Canadian Shore of Niagara River, Peace Bridge to Niagara Falls -- E. Ulrich, Verrills.
D. Canadian Shore of Niagara River, Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario to Welland Canal and interior areas -- Pause, Nathan, Filor.
E. Niagara Falls, American Shore of Niagara River to Lake Ontario to Wilson -- Brockner, Heilborns, Bishop, Klabundes, Kochs.
F. Niagara Falls, feeding station -- Rogerson, Tuttle

G. Lake Ontario Shore of Orleans County -- Somerside
H. Oak Orchard Swamp, Akron -- Seeber, Grotke, Gamble, Drobitz
I. Lyndonville -- Smith
J. Grand Island, north of Whitehaven Road -- Thorpe, Moore
K. Grand Island, south of Whitehaven Road -- Praemassings, Rosa
L. American Shore, Niagara River, Bird Island to Tonawanda Creek -- Beardslee
M. Lincoln Park, Sweet Home Road, Tonawanda Creek -- Tilleys
N. Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, Harris Hill -- Wendlings
O. East Aurora, Sinking Ponds -- Wild
P. South Dayton and surrounding areas -- Webster, Wagner
Q. South Shore of Lake Erie, Tifft St. to Dunkirk, Smith's Mills and Mud Lake -- Vaughan and class
R. Dunkirk, Fredonia, Cassadaga and Bear Lakes -- Stanleys, Seigel
S. Barcelona, Findley Lake, Jaquin's Pond and surrounding areas -- Andrle, Doyle, Murphy
T. Levant, N.Y., Chautauqua Lake -- Beal, Sundell
U. Silver Lake, Cuba Lake, Letchworth Park, Sandusky Pond -- Creightons
V. Nu Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Batavia -- Pixley
W. LeRoy -- Hazlet n

List of Birds Seen in Fall Census

Common Loon, 7 (A,E.G,S,R)
Red-throated Loon, 1 (S)
Holboell's Grebe, 3 (M,O,C)
Horned Grebe, 67
Pied Billed Grebe, 102
Double-crested Cormorant, 2 (G)
Great Blue Heron, 40
Black Cr. Night Heron, 50 (45 C in E, N,K,E)
American Bittern, 3 (B,H)
Mute Swan, 1 (T)
Canada Goose, 93
Mallard, 382
Black Duck, 750
Gadwall, 3 (D,H)
Baldpate, 77
Pintail, 14
Green-wing Teal, 36
Blue-wing Teal, 16
Shoveller, 3 (H)
Wood Duck, 51
Redhead, 1 (Q)
Canvasback, 57 (50 T)
Greater and Lesser Scaup, 1356
American Goldeneye, 2 (C,U)
Old Squaw, 2 (Q)
White-winged Scoter, 19
American Merganser, 6
Red-breasted Merganser, 47
Turkey Vulture, 3 (H,P)
Goshawk, 1 (B)
Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1
Cooper's Hawk, 5
Red-tailed Hawk, 12
Red-shouldered Hawk, 1 (T)
Rough-legged Hawk, 2 (G,S)
Marsh Hawk, 18
Pigeon Hawk, 2 (A,Q)
Sparrow Hawk, 35
Ruffed Grouse, 7
Ring-necked Pheasant, 61
Coot, 367
Semi-palmated Plover, 2 (B)
Killdeer, 286
Black-bellied Plover, 5 (B)
Woodcock, 3 (I)
Wilson Snipe, 60
Spotted Sandpiper, 4 (B,K,U)
Greater Yellowlegs, 38
Yellowlegs, 9
Pectoral Sandpiper, 6 (A)
Baird's Sandpiper, 1 (H)
Red-backed Sandpiper, 32
Sanderling, 19
Northern Phalarope, 7 (D,E)
Great Black Backed Gull, 5
Herring Gull, 1392
Ring Billed Gull, 1942
Bonapartes Gull, 84
Forster's Tern, 1 (D in J)
Common Tern, 32
Black Tern, 1 (C)
Rock Dove, common
Mourning Dove, 27
Belted Kingfisher, 16
Flicker, 29
Red Bellied Woodpecker, 1 (T)
Hairy Woodpecker, 9
Downy Woodpecker, 59
Prairie Horned Lark, 101
Blue Jay, 88
Crow, 1239
Black-capped Chickadee, 378
White-breasted Nuthatch, 52

Red-breasted Nuthatch, 8
Brown Creeper, 36
House Wren, 1 (S)
Winter Wren, 6
Prairie Marsh Wren, 3 (R)
Catbird, 2 (D in J, F)
Robin, 968
Hermit Thrush, 19
Gray-cheeked Thrush, 1
Bluebird, 300
Golden-crowned Kinglet, 429
Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 132
Pipit, 157
Cedar Waxwing, 88
Starling, 5197
Black and White Warbler, 1 (R)
Nashville Warbler, 1 (N)
Magnolia Warbler, 2 (M)
Cape May Warbler, 2 (F)
Black-throated Blue Warbler, 1 (S)
Myrtle Warbler, 301
Black-throated Green Warbler, 2 (U)
Chestnut-sided Warbler, 1 (N)
Black-poll Warbler, 1 (S)
Western Palm Warbler, 1 (A)
Northern Water Thrush, 1 (O)
Redstart, 1 (N)
English Sparrow, 1556
Meadowlark, 60
Redwing, 2354
Rusty Blackbird, 482
Bronzed Grackle, 258
Cowbird, 230
Cardinal, 7
Purple Finch, 63
Redpoll, 1 (D)
Pine Siskin, 703 (A-400;B,D,H,J,R,T)
Goldfinch, 316
Towhee, 2 (J,N)
Savannah Sparrow, 4 (D,J,R)
Vesper Sparrow, 79
Junco, 1010
Tree Sparrow, 84
Chipping Sparrow, 7 (A,J,P,S,T)
Field Sparrow, 15
White-crowned Sparrow, 8
White-throated Sparrow, 450
Fox Sparrow, 6 (A,F,N)
Swamp Sparrow, 43
Song Sparrow, 373

Total Species 123
Total Individuals (not counting Rock Dove) 26,110

Bernard Nathan

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes for October show a pronounced migratory movement during the first third of the month, including Holboell's and Horned Grebe, 6 species of hawks, Semi-palmated, Golden and Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Solitary, Pectoral, Least, Red-backed, Stilt and Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Dowitcher, both Yellowlegs and Sanderling; Barn, Tree and Bank Swallows and Purple Martin, Winter Wren, Catbird, Yellow-throated and Red-eyed Vireos, and 7 species of Warblers (a Canada Warbler being unusually late); Nelson's, Henslow's and White-crowned Sparrows; a very early Snow Bunting record, and the first Pine Siskins.
The following week's records were much fewer, but included a late Catbird and early Tree Sparrow report. For the week ending Oct. 25 a Hudsonian Godwit record was outstanding (more details later). Spotted Sandpiper (late) and Redpoll are also noteworthy. During the last week of October, Common Tern and Rough-legged Hawk were new migrants, while last records included Kingfisher, Pipit and Chipping Sparrow.

New England Bird Records for July include breeding records of Black Tern in the Belgrade Lakes Region of Maine, thus extending the breeding range eastward from Lake Champlain, and of a female Evening Grosbeak feeding young at Hampden Highlands, Maine, the first for the state. At least 2 nests of the Black Skimmer at Plymouth Beach reestablishes the breeding of this species in New England after a lapse of 80 years (since 1866 at Muskeget).
The Wood Thrush, Louisiana Water Thrush, and Henslow's Sparrow appear to be extending their ranges. Rarities included Brown Pelican at Gay Head, and Sooty Tern at Newburyport; Purple Gallinule at Concord, and Glaucous, Iceland, Black-headed and Little Gull at Newburyport. Five Hudsonian Godwits on the Cape featured a good shore-bird flight, while southern Herons were present in many localities, the best flight in several years.

The Cleveland Bird Calendar for June, July and August has many noteworthy records, including Sandhill Crane (April 7 at Black Brook), Saw-whet Owl (June 22 in Cleveland), Mockingbird (near Richfield, June 20), Prothonotary Warbler nesting at Aurora Pond, Eastern Lark Sparrow (August 18 at "White City"), and White-throated Sparrow heard singing July 8, 9, and 10 in East Cleveland.

H. D. Mitchell

MEETINGS

Wed., Dec. 11 — Plans for Christmas Census under leadership of Miss Eugenia Praemassing. Election of Council members. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8:00 P.M.

FIELD TRIPS

Sun. Dec. 22 — Christmas Census. Leader, Miss Eugenia Praemassing. After census, meet at 5 P.M. at Museum, where a dinner at $1.50 will be served in the Cafeteria, and discuss results of day. Those unable to go into the field that day are most welcome to attend dinner. Reservations must be in by December 17. Notify Miss Eugenia Praemassing, 87 Linden Avenue, Buffalo 14; PArkside 1088. Informal dinner; come in field clothes.

Sun. Dec. 29 — Join with Audubon Society in their Christmas Census -- Hamburg, Chestnut Ridge, Orchard Park area. Francis T. Tilley, leader. Contact him for assignments at 26 Mohican Avenue, or call LIncoln 9540 and ask for either Mr. or Mrs. Tilley.

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The Month

The mean temperature for November (44.4 degrees) was the third highest on record, and compares with normal of 38.5. Only five days were below normal, and of these, three were but one degree below, one three degrees below, and one six below. Not until November 15th did the temperature go below the freezing point, and not until the 22nd did the first trace of snow fall. Total snowfall for the month was "a trace", compared with average of 6.4 inches. Without these prefatory remarks, a study of the Noteworthy Records would reveal the month's mild pattern. Some of the hardier summer residents were extremely late in leaving, and some of the transient and wintering species were late in arriving. No appreciable numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls were present at any time during the month, a very unusual circumstance, though not without precedent. Let us not be too hasty in attributing this to the mere absence of low temperatures, for in 1933 the same phenomenon was noted, yet in that year the mean temperature was more than ten degrees lower than November of this year. It appears rather that sudden severe cold snaps are required to bring these little gulls south. The weather did unquestionably cause the population of the larger gulls to be preponderantly in the Ring-bills' favor even at the month's end.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Red-throated Loon	Nov.	10	F	1	Lake Chautauqua	Seeber, Andrle
Pied-billed Grebe	"	16		1	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Seeber
	"	23		2	Niagara Gorge	Andrle
	"	28	L	1	Niagara Gorge	Wagner
Horned Grebe	"	28		12	Niagara Gorge	Several members
Double-crested Cormorant	"	24	L	3	Bird Island	Seeber
Great Blue Heron	"	17		3	Grand Island	Thorpe, Wagner
	"	20		2	Grand Island	Heilborn
Black-cr. Night Heron	"	1		18	Delaware Park	Filor
	"	1		1	Sweet Home Road	Wagner
	"	3		3	Niagara Falls	Wagner
Whistling Swan	"	6	F	5	Lakewood	Beal
	"	17		14	Lake Chautauqua	Sundell
	"	30		13	Chippewa, Ont.	Brown

Canada Goose	Oct. 29		30;20;30	Shadigee; Lakeside; Point Breeze	Pixley
	Nov. 1		31	Buffalo (flying over)	Webster
	" 12		24	Jamestown	Beal
	" 29		35	Buffalo (flying over)	Nathan
Gadwall	" 2		1	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Seeber
Green-winged Teal	" 3		7	Grand Island	Brockner et al
Wood Duck	" 3		1	Burntship Creek	Brockner et al
	" 24	L	8	Frewsburg	Sundell
Buffle-head	" 14	F	5	Fort Erie, Ont.	Wright
*American Scoter	" 3	F	1	Bay Beach, Ont.	Wright
Hooded Merganser	" 24		2	Niagara River	Nathan et al
	" 28		1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan et al
	" 28		3	Burntship Creek	Mitchell et al
Goshawk	" 16		1	Burntship Creek	Seeber
Cooper's Hawk	" 17		1	West Falls	Wagner
Bald Eagle	" 2		1	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Seeber
	" 3		1	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	" 3		1	Bell Plant - Niagara Falls	Wagner
	" 24		1	Burntship Creek	Wagner, Thorpe
Osprey	Oct. 13	L	1	Letchworth Park	Brockners et al
Ruffed Grouse	" 27		20	Ashford	rep. Brockner
	Nov. 10		10	Allegany State Park	Seeber et al
	" 17		1	Jewettville	Wagner
	" 17		1	South Dayton	Webster
Coot	" 10	L		Lake Chautauqua	Seeber et al
Semipalmated Plover	" 2	L	1	Grand Island	Seeber, Nathan
Killdeer	" 1		70	North Bailey	Wagner
	" 18	L	3	North Bailey	Wagner
Golden Plover	" 2	L	2	Grand Island	Seeber, Nathan
Woodcock	Oct. 27		1	Ashford	rep. Brockner
Wilson's Snipe	Nov. 14		12	North Bailey	Wagner
	" 24	L	1	Burntship Creek	Wagner, Thorpe
	" 24	L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Greater Yellow-legs	" 4		1	LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
	" 8, 15		2	Nu Lake	Pixley
	" 21	L	1	Lakeside	Pixley
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 2		6	Goat Island	Seeber, Nathan
	" 4		10	Goat Island	Wagner
	" 16	L	2	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Wright, Nathan
*Hudsonian Godwit	Oct. 23, 30	F	1	Braddock's Bay (collected)	Meade
	(the first record in many years in Western New York)				
Sanderling	Nov. 2	L	1	Goat Island	Seeber, Nathan
Glaucous Gull	" 25	F	1	Goat Island	Mitchell et al
Common Tern	" 9	L	2	Grand Island	Seeber
Mourning Dove	" 24		2	North Tonawanda	Wagner
Great Horned Owl	" 17		1	Grand Island	Nathan et al
	" 17		1	Glenwood	Wagner
	" 24		1	Willoughby Marsh, Ont.	Nathan et al
Long-eared Owl	" 1		1	Sweet Home Road	Wagner
Nighthawk	Oct. 25	L	1	Buffalo	Murphy
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Nov. 21	L	1	Gardenville	Carter
Kingfisher	" 17		1	Niagara River	Nathan et al
	" 18		1	Lakewood	Beal
Flicker	" 11		6	Clarence	Brockner
	" 24		1	Batavia	Pixley
Prairie Horned Lark	" 17		15	Grand Island	Nathan et al
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 28		1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner
*Hudsonian Chickadee	" 10		1	Allegany State Park	Pause
Winter Wren	" 1	L	1	Amherst	Wagner
Hermit Thrush	" 3	L	2	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	" 3	L	1	Wilson	Pause, Filer

Bluebird	Nov.	3	L	2	Grand Island	Brockner et al
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	1		1	Delaware Park	Filor
	"	2	L	1	Grand Island	Seeber, Nathan
Pipit	"	17		30	Grand Island	Nathan
	"	22	L	12	Jamestown	Sundell
Cedar Waxwing	"	1		25	Amherst	Wagner
	"	3		40	Lewiston	Nathan et al
	"	3		3	Batavia	Pixley
Myrtle Warbler	"	2	L	1	Grand Island	Seeber, Nathan
Meadowlark	Oct.	29		16	Oakfield, Lakeside, Waterport	Pixley
	Nov.	3		3	Grand Island	Brockner et al
Red-wing	"	11		1	LaSalle Quarry	Wagner
	"	30		7	Kent Switch	Webster
Rusty Blackbird	"	3	L	18	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	"	3	L	15	Batavia	Pixley
Purple Finch	"	10		5	Allegany State Park	Seeber, Andrle
Redpoll	"	3		3	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Nathan et al
	"	3		2	Youngstown	Filor
Pine Siskin					Numerous records from Brock's Monument, Ont., Delevan, Buffalo, Grand Island, South Dayton (150), West Falls, etc.	
Goldfinch					Numerous records	
*White-winged Crossbill	Nov.	18	F	2	Lakewood	Beal
Vesper Sparrow	"	1	L	2	Amherst	Wagner
Fox Sparrow	"	1		1	Amherst	Wagner
	"	10	L	6	Allegany State Park	Seeber et al
White-throated Sparrow	"	3		14	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	"	10	L	1	Batavia	Pixley
Swamp Sparrow	"	3	L	1	Grand Island	Brockner et al
Song Sparrow					Several records	
Snow Bunting	"	8	F	50	Millgrove	Pause
	"	15		50	Millgrove	Pause

Species recorded in 1946 through Oct. 31	255
New species for month of November 1946	4
Total species to date	259

Results of 1946 Breeding Bird Studies for Three Additional Species

Continuing their report on the 1946 breeding season, the Research Committee has received the following information about the three species discussed below. The report on three other species was contained in the September 1946 issue of THE PROTHONOTARY.

1. Brown Creeper - No reports during the summer of 1946.

2. Migrant Shrike - In Ontario, Canada, one nest in a thorn apple tree, twelve feet from the ground, at least three young raised successfully, with young leaving nest about May 26. In Chautauqua County, two birds at Silver Creek on July 31; in Niagara County, one bird at Wolcottsville. No reports from Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Orleans and Wyoming Counties.

3. Black and White Warbler - In Cattaraugus County, two birds a mile south of Franklinville on June 9; in Erie County, six birds in Nature Sanctuary in Zoar Valley on June 2, four birds east of Gowanda on June 23, and one bird at Chestnut Ridge Park on June 26; in Wyoming County, at Letchworth Park, one bird July 4, two birds July 6, and four birds July 7. No reports from Allegany, Chautauqua, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara and Orleans Counties and Ontario, Canada.

Bernard Nathan

Notes

In the case of a record such as that of the Nighthawk above cited under Noteworthy Records, it is interesting to speculate upon the possibility of the bird being one of the western species. A number of the birds collected in Ohio as fall migrants proved to be other than the Eastern Nighthawk (Chordeiles minor minor). Cf. Aldrich, Auk, Vol. 53, p. 333; Hicks, Auk, Vol. 55, p. 534.

The very late Hummingbird reported above under Noteworthy Records was seen by Mr. A. Carter at his country place on Clinton Street beyond Gardenville. It was making passes at a sparrow which was fluttering in the air, confused by its smaller but much faster antagonist.

Mrs. Ory L. Pixley advises that a Mockingbird has appeared in her yard at 55 Ellicott Avenue, Batavia, on December 3 and 8. Possibly it will stay in that neighborhood this winter.

Mr. B. Nathan and party report a Barn Owl December 8 in the thick mass of evergreens just beyond Port Colborne, Ontario, near the shore road.

Rochester Bird Notes for the first half of November include Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Sanderling, Myrtle Warbler and Blue-headed Vireo. In the latter half of the month Red-throated Loon, European Wigeon, Prairie Horned Lark, Winter Wren, Pine Grosbeak, Redpoll and Pine Siskin were among the birds recorded.

New England Bird Records for August, which was the wettest August on record, include 2 Wilson's Plover in Vermont, a Greenland Dunlin and an Eastern Willet at Monomoy, Long-billed Curlew on Martha's Vineyard, five Hudsonian Godwits at Scituate and one each at three other localities, a Hudsonian Curlew at Barkhamsted, Connecticut (second inland record and first fall record for the state), four Broad-winged Hawks on August 11 was the earliest migrantion date for Essex County. There was a great wave of land birds on August 25, accompanying a cool wave, with high counts of such species as Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and an estimated 150,000 Tree Swallows at Plum Island. Among the rarities were Pacific Loon at West Falmouth, a race of the Mew Gull at North Chatam, two Little Gulls at Newburyport and one in Rhode Island (first state record), Prothonotary Warbler at Newton, Lark Sparrow in Maine, and a hybrid Black-headed x Bonaparte's Gull, in juvenal plumage, collected August 11 at Newburyport. With the coming of the wet weather, the southern heron migration petered out.

H. D. Mitchell

SNOWY OWL

Whilst the white flakes densely settle
In the snowy wind swept meadow
Flys the silent, pallid phantom
Gainst the forceful, vigrous sampson

Swooping low o'er snow-capped chicry
Whilst its quarry scampers quickly
Scampers wildly from the raptor
From a savage, ruthless capture

But the spectre charges shrewdly
Baleful talons harrow cruelly
And the ghostly figure rising
Perches lightly on the sheaves.

Robert Wagner

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, January 8 – Movies of Gull Island and the Gaspe Peninsula, by Robert Hermes. Report on the Christmas Census. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 12 – "Lakelore", by Howard L. Orians. Audubon Lecture in Auditorium of Museum, 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 22 – Symposium on Rare Species of Winter Birds, led by Research Committee. Bring Peterson's Field Guide to enter notes. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Field Trips:

Sunday, January 19 – Hamburg, Orchard Park and vicinity, under leadership of Mr. James Creighton. Possibly include Larkin Estate. Meet 9:30 A.M. at the Creighton residence at 191 Highland Avenue, Hamburg, north side of street, Between Buffalo and Lake Streets.

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December was relatively open and mild, particularly the first two weeks, which averaged 7.5 degrees above normal. The latter half of the month also had very little snow, but supplied many days of sleet, which made treacherous driving for men and difficult feeding for ground-feeding birds. The open winter resulted in the continued presence of many summer residents, although some species, e. g., song sparrow and red-headed woodpecker, were not reported as frequently as in many other winters. Northern finches were noted occasionally, but not in the numbers which might have been expected, considering the total hours which our observers spent in the field. Snowy Owls were very rare, and even Rough-legged Hawks were much less common than usual. Bonaparte's Gulls were poorly represented; in fact the usual enormous flocks did not materialize at any time during the southward migration.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

(c) indicates bird seen on census

Common Loon (c)	Dec. 8	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan et al
	" 15	2	Wilson	Nathan et al
Horned Grebe (c)	" 8, 26	7, 2	Niagara Falls	Several members
Black-cr. Night Heron (c)	" 8	2	Ellicott Creek	Andrle
	" 29	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Filor, Nathan
Canada Goose (c)	" 1	33	LeRoy	Wagner, Seeber
Black Duck (c)	" all month	200-300	Goat Island	Several members
	" 15	400-500	Lake Ontario	Nathan et al
Baldpate	" 1 L	2	Lake LeRoy	Mitchell et al
Pintail (c)	" all month	10-13	Goat Island	Several members
	" 26	1	Beaver Island	Andrle, Gamble
Ring-necked Duck	" 8	3	Port Weller, Ont.	Nathan et al
Canvas-back	" 26	700	Strawberry Island	Brockner
White-winged Scoter (c)	" 8	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan et al
	" 21	5	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Hooded Merganser (c)	" 8		Niagara Falls	Nathan et al
Cooper's Hawk (c)	" 6	1	River Road	Brockner
	" 29	1	East Hamburg	Creightons
	" 31	1	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Rough-legged Hawk (c)	" 8	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Nathan et al
	" 15	1; 1	Shawnee Road; Gainesville	Andrle et al

Bald Eagle (c)	Dec. 1	1	LeRoy	Wagner
	" 7	1	Burntship Creek	Seeber, Nathan
Marsh Hawk (c)	Reported in good numbers all month, especially from Grand Island.			
Ruffed Grouse (c)	Dec. 15	1	Zoar Valley	Brockner
	" 29	2	Glenwood	Tilley, Elberg
Glaucous Gull (c)	" 21-31	1-2	Fuhrman Drive	Several members
Iceland Gull (c)	" 21 F	1	Fuhrman Drive	Mitchell
Ring-billed Gull (c)	" 8	40	Niagara River	Nathan et al
	" 21	5	Bird Island	Andrle, Murphy
	" 26	3	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
Bonaparte's Gull (c)	Reported in small numbers all month: River Road (max. 560, Dec. 13, Brockner) and Beaver Island (100, Dec. 26, Andrle and Gamble).			
Mourning Dove (c)	Dec. 31	1	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Barn Owl	" 8	1	Port Colborne, Ont.	Nathan et al
Snowy Owl	Nov. 18 F	1	Dunkirk	rep. Stanley
	" 28	1	Letchworth Park	rep. Murphy
Barred Owl	Dec. 15	1; 1	Olcott; Concord Bog	Nathan; Mitchell
Belted Kingfisher (c)	" 31	1	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Flicker (c)	" 1	4	LeRoy	Mitchell et al
	" 8	2	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 15	2	Pine Hill	Beadle
	" 23	1	Univ. of Buffalo campus	Wagner
Red-bellied Woodpecker	" 1	2	LeRoy	Hazelton
Prairie Horned Lark (c)	" 8	7	Grand Island	Nathan et al
	" 27	2	South Dayton	Webster
	" 29	1	Hamburg	Almendinger
	" 31	5	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 15	1	Wilson	Nathan et al
	" 29	2	Hamburg	Mitchell et al
Robin (c)	" 8	13	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
Golden-crowned Kinglet (c)	Reports indicate wide distribution in fairly good numbers.			
Cedar Waxwing	Dec. all month	26	East Aurora	Wander
	" 4	20	Jamestown	Sundell
	" 8	30	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 30	6	Frewsburg	Sundell
Northern Shrike	" 25	1	Hamburg	McShane
	" 29	1	Boston	McShanes, Gregorys
Meadowlark (c)	" 27	2	Grand Island	Wagner, Seward
Cowbird (c)	" 29	1	Glenwood	Tilley, Elberg
Pine Grosbeak	" 14 F	1	Hamburg	Harrington, Bourne
	" 29	15	East Aurora	Wander
*Hoary Redpoll	" 22	5	Braddock's Bay	A.Klonick et al
Common Redpoll (c)	" 22	500	Braddock's Bay	A.Klonick et al
	" 27	50	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 28	25	Alden	Wagner
	" 29	4	Wilson	Andrle
	" 29	60	East Hamburg	Creightons
	" 29		East Eden	Wilson et al
	" 31	150	Dayton	Mitchell
*Greater Redpoll	" 22	several	Braddock's Bay	A.Klonick et al
Pine Siskin (c)	" 1	10	LeRoy	Hazelton
	" 8	150	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 8	160	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Seeber, Filor
Goldfinch (c)	" 8	3	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 8	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Nathan
	" 31	1	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Red Crossbill	" 29 F	1	Emery Park	Tilley
White-winged Crossbill	" 29 F	1	Emery Park	Gamble
Red-eyed Towhee	Nov. 22	1	Fillmore	Doyle
	Dec. 29	1	Woodlawn	Wright
Vesper Sparrow	" 7 L	1	Amherst	Gamble
Song Sparrow (c)	" 1	1	LeRoy	Mitchell
	" 8	3	Niagara Falls	Filor, Nathan

Lapland Longspur (c)	Dec. 8	7	Grand Island	Nathan, Seeber
	" 29	1	Wilson	Andrle
	" 31	1	East Aurora	Andrle, Filor
Snow Bunting (c)	" 8	53	Port Weller, Ont.	Nathan
	" 21	500	Ellicottville	Doyle et al
	" 27	40	Silver Creek	Beal et al
	" 29	35	Wilson	Andrle

Total species in 1946 through Nov. 30	259
*New species for 1946 in December	2
Total for year	261

Christmas Census - December 22, 1946

Territory - Centering on Grand Island, including Niagara River and adjacent territory, Buffalo Harbor, Navy Island and Niagara Falls.
Weather - Partly cloudy, strong n.w. to west wind, some sleet, snow squalls; temperature 25 to 35 degrees. Ponds frozen; 2 to 5 inches of snow. Visibility good.
List includes 64 species and 12,292 individuals.

Fifteen parties and territories as follows:

A. Grand Island - Buckhorn Island Park and Burntship Creek - Thorpe, Filor.
B. Grand Island - S.E. Section: south of Whitehaven Road and east of Baseline Road - Mitchell, Windsor, Beal, Van Why, Lenna, Sundell.
C. Grand Island - N.E. Section: north of Whitehaven Road and east of Baseline Road - Pause, Keim, Nathan.
D. Grand Island - S.W. Section: south of Whitehaven Road and west of Baseline Road - Seeber, Drobits, Elberg.
E. Grand Island - Beaver Island Park - Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich.
F. Grand Island - N.W. Section: north of Whitehaven Road and west of Baseline Road - Vaughan, Glick, Rew.
G. Delaware Park, Forest Lawn Cemetery - Wendling, Knight, Hoyer.
H. Navy Island - Gamble, Andrle.
I. Lincoln Park, White Chapel and Acadia Park Cemeteries, Sweeny Park (North Tonawanda), Ellicott Creek Park, both banks of Erie Canal (Tonawanda) Praemassings, Rosa, Facklam, Wendt.
J. Hyde Park, Two Mile Creek Road, Bird Island, Niagara Falls to Buffalo - Brockner, Mr. and Mrs. Heilborn, Julie and Karl Heilborn, Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Klabunde, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Hockstra, Bishop and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace
K. White Chapel Cemetery and vicinity - Wagner.
L. Buffalo Harbor, west bank of Niagara River to Niagara Falls - Savage, Bourne.
M. Willoughby Marsh - Murphy.
N. Goat Island - Mitchell.
O. Niagara Falls (feeding station) - Rogerson.

Common Loon	6	H E J F
Horned Grebe	6	J L
Black-cr. Night Heron	1	N
Canada Goose	2	A F
Mallard	233	N A G J
Black Duck	374	
Pintail	9	N
Redhead	7	L
Canvas-back	41	H E L
Gr. & Lesser Scaup	818	A E J L
American Golden-eye	1432	
Buffle-head	30	H E L
Old-squaw	23	H E B J L F
White-winged Scoter	4	L
Hooded Merganser	5	A L
American Merganser	111	
Red-breasted Merganser	156	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	A
Cooper's Hawk	2	A J
Red-tailed Hawk	4	B D
Rough-legged Hawk	1	K
Bald Eagle	4	A H J
Marsh Hawk	6	A C I B K
Sparrow Hawk	30	
Ruffed Grouse	19	M
Ring-necked Pheasant	226	
Iceland Gull	1	L
Glaucous Gull	2	J L

Kumlien's Gull	1	L
Great Black-b. Gull	25	
Herring Gull	3296	
Ring-billed Gull	19	
Bonaparte's Gull	1176	
Mourning Dove	2	B
Screech Owl	1	M
Great Horned Owl	9	H C E M B
Short-eared Owl	2	K
Belted Kingfisher	2	H C
Flicker	1	I
Hairy Woodpecker	7	
Downy Woodpecker	46	
Prairie Horned Lark	75	
Blue Jay	8	O C M D
Crow	168	
Black-capped Chickadee	346	
White-br. Nuthatch	31	
Brown Creeper	15	
Robin	1	C
Golden-crowned Kinglet	12	
Starling	1534	
English Sparrow	691	
Meadowlark	2	C F
Cowbird	3	M B
Cardinal	12	O A C J
Purple Finch	3	C
Common Redpoll	34	A C F K M
Pine Siskin	1	C
Goldfinch	27	C M
Slate-colored Junco	62	
Tree Sparrow	508	
Song Sparrow	15	
Lapland Longspur	12	
Snow Bunting	591	A C B J

Total: 64 species, 12,292 individuals

The only new species reported this census was the Pine Siskin found in the N.E. Section of Grand Island. More Loons (6), Horned Grebes (6), Bald Eagles (4), Ruffed Grouse (19), Great Horned Owls (9), Kingfishers (2), Cardinals (12), Redpolls (34), Chickadees (346), Juncos (62) and Tree Sparrows (508) were seen on this census than ever before on a Christmas census. With the exception of the Mallard, Hooded Merganser and White-winged Scoter, ducks were much fewer in numbers as compared with former years.

The following birds that had not been seen on recent censuses were reported again this year: Canada Goose, Kumlien's Gull, Cowbird, Purple Finch, Kingfisher, Prairie Horned Lark, Redpoll, Lapland Longspur, Bald Eagle and Iceland Gull.

Six species of hawks were observed. The Sparrow Hawk led with 30, which was exceeded only twice before. This is only the second year that the Rough-legged Hawk was not reported on Grand Island. The one seen this year was at the extreme eastern edge of our territory, near Niagara Falls Blvd.

The Mallard, Black Duck, Golden-eye, Old-squaw, American Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Sparrow Hawk, Pheasant, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Blue Jay, Crow, Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Starling, English Sparrow and Tree Sparrow have been reported every census.

The number of species recorded this year exceeds that of the highest previous year by two, with a total of sixty-four species.

Many thanks to all who participated in this census. It was the largest number (49) ever present.

Eugenia Praemassing

Christmas Census - December 29, 1946

Taken by the Audubon Society of Buffalo, New York

Territory - Hamburg, Orchard Park, East Aurora, N.Y., centering on Chestnut Ridge Park and including Emery Park. Open farmland 60 o/o, public parks 10 o/o, suburban areas 5 o/o, deciduous woods 15 o/o, catail marsh 1 o/o, evergreen woods 4 o/o, small ponds and one mile of Lake Erie shore 5 o/o.

Weather - Heavy clouds, rain and sleet, temperature 13 to 40 degrees, wind S.W. 25 miles per hour, 2 inches of snow on ground. Twenty nine observers in fourteen parties. 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Total hours 65 (38 on foot); total miles 159 (50 on foot).

Territories and observers:

A. Route 240 on west, Falls Road on north, edge of circle on east and south - Tilley, Elberg, Wagner (in P.M.)

B. Route 240 on east, Schweikhardt Road on north, edge of circle on south and west - Webster, Brockner.

C. Route 219 on west, Gartman Road and Route 277 on north, Route 240 on east - Mr. and Mrs. McShane, Donald and Gilbert Gregory.

D. Southwestern Blvd. on north, Routes 18 and 219 and Hamburg Road on east, Schweikhardt Road on south. Mitchell, Mrs. W. Dugan, Almendinger, Mrs. L. Bacon.

E. Lake Erie shore from Athol Springs to Woodlawn, Route 18 on east, Southwestern Blvd. on south - A.J. Wright II.

F. East of South Park Ave., south of Southwestern Blvd., west of Orchard Park, north of Route 219 - Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Creighton.

G. East Aurora, Route 187 on west, Big Tree Road on south, Route 78 on north and east - Alfred D. Wander.

H. East Aurora and Emery Park (east section) - Gamble. Northeast section in P.M. - Tilley, Elberg, Wagner.

I. Route 277 on west, Big Tree Road on north, Davis Road on east, Route 240 on south. Windsor, Rew.

J. East Aurora, Sinking Pond and north to edge of circle - C.T. Knox.

K. South of East Aurora and Chestnut Ridge Park - Dr. Link, Wm. Wild, C.T. Knox.

L. Boston and north east, west to Route 219, east to Route 240. Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Brettle.

M. Route 240 on west, Southwestern Blvd. on south, Transit Road on east, edge of circle to north. Heather Thorpe.

N. Chestnut Ridge Park area - R. Wagner, R. Wilson, F.J. Glick, E. Ulrich.

American Golden-eye	18	E
American Merganser	1	E
Cooper's Hawk	1	F
Marsh Hawk	1	F
Sparrow Hawk	2	E I
Ruffed Grouse	3	A N
Ring-necked Pheasant	13	F G H I
Iceland Gull	1	E
Herring Gull	39	A E M
Hairy Woodpecker	3	J K
Downy Woodpecker	18	
Prairie Horned Lark	1	D
Blue Jay	6	A B G I L
Crow	131	J
Chickadee	161	
White-br. Nuthatch	12	C D E G I N
Red-br. Nuthatch	2	B D
Brown Creeper	16	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16	A E D F J K
Cedar Waxwing	26	G
Northern Shrike	1	C
Starling	595	
English Sparrow	571	
Cowbird	1	A
Cardinal	9	E I
Pine Grosbeak	15	G
Common Redpoll	63	F N
Goldfinch	24	B E F N
Red Crossbill	1	A in H
White-winged Crossbill	1	H
Red-eyed Towhee	1	E (Woodlawn)
Slate-colored Junco	63	A B C E H I
Tree Sparrow	101	P E F J N
Snow Bunting	825	A C in D L

Total 34 species, 2,739 individuals.

As this is the first Christmas Census taken by the Audubon Society, comparisons cannot be made with previous years in this territory. The records of this area, however, should be interesting in the future with the advent of the winter visitants, such as snow buntings, redpolls, etc. With the better territories combed more thoroughly, we should be able to find more birds in another year. It is interesting to note that all the crows were seen by one party, and that cowbirds were seen so late in the season.

I wish to thank all who aided in this census, the Dugans for their kind hospitality, and Mr. Mitchell for his invaluable assistance.

Francis T. Tilley

Christmas Census - December 28, 1946

A Christmas Census was taken in the Jamestown, N.Y., area this year by Clarence Beal, Robert Sundell and others. Their list, consisting of 21 species and 769 individuals is as follows:

Mallard	2	(over Frewsburg)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	(Frewsburg)
Ring-n. Pheasant	17	
Ruffed Grouse	4	
Mourning Dove	1	(Frewsburg)
Rock Dove	37	
Herring Gull	21	
Downy Woodpecker	4	
Blue Jay	1	
Chickadee	59	
White-br. Nuthatch	5	
Red-br. Nuthatch	2	(near Gerry)
Brown Creeper	5	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	16	
Winter Wren	1	(near Falconer)
Starling	293	
English Sparrow	137	
Cardinal	2	
Goldfinch	24	
Slate-colored Junco	28	
Tree Sparrow	89	

Notes

On January 1, 1947, an Arctic Horned Owl was discovered in an evergreen tree in Forest Lawn Cemetery in the heart of Buffalo by Miss Heather Thorpe. It remained in that vicinity for several days, and during that time it was observed by several members of the Society. The bird was collected on January 8, and has been mounted by Benjamin Hockmuth, the Museum taxidermist. This is, as far as we know, the second record for New York State, and the only record for Western New York. The first record was of a specimen taken in Bronx Park on February 15, 1919. One was obtained in Massachusetts that same winter. Another bird, presumably of this subspecies, was seen by Edward Seeber near Welland, Ontario, on January 12, 1947, and still another was reported in Barnegat, New Jersey, by Mr. Donald G. Maxwell.

Rochester Bird Notes, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, include for the first week of December, Pied-billed Grebe, Hooded Merganser, Cedar Waxwing, Bronzed Grackle, Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Swamp and Song Sparrows. For the week ending December 13, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Prairie Horned Lark, Robin, Purple Finch and Goldfinch were among those seen. The Christmas Census, held December 22, totalled 63 species, and included Double-crested Cormorant, Canada Goose, White-winged Scoter, Mourning Dove, Winter Wren, Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Myrtle and Blackburnian Warblers, Northern Yellow-throat, Red-wing and Rusty Blackbird, Common Redpoll, Greater Redpoll and Hoary Redpoll, Goldfinch, Swamp and Song Sparrows.

New England Bird Records for September, a warm and humid month, were disappointing, there being only one major wave in Essex County, Mass., on September 8 when many land birds were noted, including Tree Swallows, Bluebirds, vireos and warblers. Quite a few American Egrets and a few Yellow-crowned Night Herons remained during the month while a Louisiana Heron remained at Monomoy at least until September 15. A White Pelican appeared on the 28th in Rhode Island. A near-record flight of 1924 Broad-winged Hawks passed Mt. Tom, Mass., on the 12th, unusually early. Two immature Golden Eagles were seen there on the 26th. Grouse were plainly in the downward part of a cycle in New England, which checks with our observations this year in Western New York. The shorebird flight was poor, but included a Buff-breasted Sandpiper and two Hudsonian Godwits. Jaegers included four Long-tails off Chatham. Rarities included Kumlien's Gull at Nahant, Mass., Mew Gull (subsp.?) at Plymouth and Chatham, two Little Gull records, a few Skimmers, one Arkansas Kingbird, Sycamore Warbler on Nantucket, two Summer Tanagers, two Dickcissels and a Western Lark Sparrow collected at Ipswich, Mass.

At Hamilton, Ontario, 45 observers in 22 parties observed 67 species in their Christmas bird census on December 22. Among the birds seen were Holboell's Grebe 2, American Scoter 1, Goshawk 1, Red-shouldered Hawk 2, Coot 1, Kumlien's Gull 1, Mourning Dove 1, Snowy Owl 1, Flicker 8, Winter Wren 3, Robin 5, Hermit Thrush 1, Northern Shrike 1, Red-wing 1, Cardinal 54, Evening Grosbeak 1, Purple Finch 9, Pine Grosbeak 4, Redpoll 127, Pine Siskin 3, Goldfinch 147, White-throated Sparrow 4, Swamp Sparrow 3, according to George North.

H. D. Mitchell

Editor's Note

THE PROTHONOTARY starts its thirteenth year with this issue which is being mailed to about two hundred non-subscribers whose names have been suggested as persons who might be interested in receiving our publication regularly in the future because of their interest in ornithology. It is our hope that during 1947 we can substantially increase the circulation of our magazine so that we may consider having it printed by photo-offset, rather than by mimeograph, beginning in 1948, so that we may include graphs, charts photographs and other material that would make the magazine more useful and interesting to our readers.

The magazine is published monthly throughout the year at a subscription price of 75 cents per year, payable to Kathryn Praemassing, Treasurer, 87 Linden Avenue, Buffalo 14, New York.

Future Events

Meetings:

Sunday, February 9	"South Along the Suwanee", by Allan D. Cruickshank; Hayes - Audubon Lecture, 3 P.M., Auditorium, Buffalo Museum of Science.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Recent Birding Experiences at Bull Island, South Carolina, and in Florida, by Mrs. Herbert A. Hickman; 8:00 P.M., Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science.
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Symposium on Rare Birds, Part II, led by members of the Research Committee. Bring Peterson's Field Guide to meeting. 8:00 P.M., Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science.

Field Trip:

Sunday, February 23	Wilson, N.Y., and vicinity. Meet 8:00 A.M., Main and Kenmore Avenues; bring lunch. Contact leader, Miss Ellen J. Windsor (Amherst 3570), if in need of transportation or if you have extra automobile space.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, February 5	Meeting at Grosvenor Library. Business (Questions and answers, plans for 1947, open forum discussion).
Saturday, February 22	Field trip around Niagara Loop. Meet 1:30 P.M. Peace Bridge will be leaving spot. Harold D. Mitchell, leader, University 8532. Return 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 4	Annual dinner meeting. Election of officers. 6:30 P.M., Town Club. Pictures of nesting gulls and terns. Motion pictures of Gull Island, by Robert Hermes.

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The Month

The open weather of November and December, 1946, carried over into 1947, and January was unusually mild and free from heavy snows. Mean temperature was 29.9 degrees, compared with normal of 23.9, and 2.3 inches of snow was the most which fell in one day. The month was not without its miseries, however, as total precipitation was 40 per cent above normal, and seemed to delight in descending on Western New York just when the temperature was crossing the freezing mark in either direction. The result was a great deal of sleet and hazardous driving, which, more than anything else, characterized the month to every motorist who had to contend with it. These continual ice storms reached a climax on the 29th and 30th, when wires collected from one-half to one inch of ice. Over 1,000 power lines broke under the strain, and many large branches and some trees were broken. Such conditions undoubtedly resulted in hardship to ground-feeding birds, but the fact that temperatures remained relatively high, together with the absence of heavy snow, meant that hardy species which had remained in the territory until the migratory urge had passed, were able to survive rather easily. The Noteworthy Records below are so full of remarkable observations that no previous January list can even approach them. The standout record was the Arctic Horned Owl, a beautiful specimen which now graces our museum collection, but hardly less notable were such species as King Rail, Gallinule, Saw-whet Owl, Hudsonian (?) Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Orange-crowned Warbler, Water-thrush, Hoary Redpoll, Killdeer, and Towhee. Quite a showing for January!

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	Jan. 2	1	Niagara Falls (Gorge)	Wagner
Horned Grebe	" 2	2	Niagara Falls (Gorge)	Wagner
Great Blue Heron	seen often		Cazenovia Creek	Wander
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	Jan. 1 - 16	2-4	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Several members
Whistling Swan	" 2	1	Lake Ontario, off Hamlin	rep. Guelf
Black Duck	" all month	150-300	Goat Island	Several members
Pintail	" 2	10	Goat Island	Wagner
	" 26	1	Goat Island	Thorpe et al.
	" 6, 16	6, 1	Grass Island	Seeber
Gadwall	" 23	1	Grass Island	Seeber
Redhead	" all month	6-16	Buffalo Harbor	Several members
	" 8, 26	1, 1	Grass Island	Seeber
	" 18	10	Sunken Isle	Andrle, Doyle
	" 25	3	Fort Erie, Ont.	Nathan et al.
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Canvas-back	Jan. all month	50-3,000	Grass Island	Several members
	" all month	2-10	Buffalo Harbor	Several members
Buffle-head	" 1	9	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell et al
	" 24	3	Grass Island	Seeber
	" 25	25	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Wright
	" 26	10	Fort Erie, Ont.	Nathan et al.
White-winged Scoter	" 1, 12, 17, 23	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Hooded Merganser	" 18	2	Sunken Isle	Mitchell et al
Red-breasted Merganser	Unusually large numbers reported all month.			
Cooper's Hawk	Jan. 4	1	Sheridan Drive	Nathan, Pause
	" 19	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Wagner,Gamble
	" 26	1	Alden	Wagner
Red-shouldered Hawk	" 16	1	Lewiston	Seeber
Rough-legged Hawk	" 16	1	Lewiston	Seeber
	" 19	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Bald Eagle	" 10	1	Grass Island	Seeber
	" 11	1	Burntship Creek	Mitchell, Wright
	" 19	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Marsh Hawk	" 12	1	Maple Rd.,Amherst	Andrle
	" 19	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Ruffed Grouse	" 5	1	Holland	James
King Rail	" 11	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Pause et al
Florida Gallinule	" 5	2	Tifft Street	Murphy et al
	" 19	1	Tifft Street	Filor et al
	" 21	1	Tifft Street	Pause
Killdeer	" 4	1	Centennial Park	Murphy
	" 11	1	Port Colborne,Ont.	Pause et al
Glaucous Gull	" 1	3	Fuhrman Dump	Mitchell
	" 2	3, 4	Fuhrman Dump	Andrle; Seeber
	" 4	1	Fuhrman Dump	Mitchell
	" 5	1	Fuhrman Dump	Nathan et al
Iceland Gull	" 2	1	Fuhrman Dump	Seeber
	" 4	1	Fuhrman Dump	Mitchell
Ring-billed Gull	Reported regularly all month from Grass Island by Seeber (maximum 5).			
Bonaparte's Gull	Jan. 1	Large numbers reported by several parties; (maximum 70).		
	" 2	3	Front Park	Andrle
	" 6 - 10	1 - 4	Grass Island	Seeber
	" 26	1	Goat Island	Andrle et al
Mourning Dove	Dec. 18	1	Holland	rep. James
	Jan. 1	14	Ransom Road	Seeber
	" 11	1	Lockport	Webster
Arctic Horned Owl	" 1	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	Thorpe et al; seen by several members before being collected.
Great Horned Owl	" 18	2	Grand Island	Mitchell et al
	" 26	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Nathan
Snowy Owl	" 18	1	Beaver Island	Pause, Nathan
	" 23	1	Grass Island	Seeber
Short-eared Owl	" 11	1	White Chapel Cem.	Mitchell, Wright
	" 19	2	Long Beach, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Saw-whet Owl	" 12	1	Bear Swamp	Andrle
Belted Kingfisher	" 5	1	Akron	Webster
	" seen often		Cazenovia Creek	Wander
Flicker	" 24	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	" 5	1	Irving	Pause et al
Prairie Horned Lark	" 1	12	Bedell Road	Seeber
	" 19	4	Dunnville	Wagner, Gamble
Brown-capped Chickadee	" 25	1	Dufferin Is., Ont.	Mitchell,Wright
	" 26	1	Dufferin Is., Ont.	Nathan et al.

Tufted Titmouse	Jan. 5	1	Irving	Andrle et al
	" 18	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Thorpe
	" 19	1	Irving	Thorpe, Brockner
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 19	1	Irving	Thorpe, Brockner
Winter Wren	" 19	1	Tifft Street	Filor et al
	" 19	1	Wood Lawn	Thorpe, Brockner
Robin	" 4	1	South Dayton	Webster
	" 11	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Seeber
	" 12	1	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	" 5	1	Irving	Pause
Cedar Waxwing	" 5	60	Irving	Nathan et al
	" 18		Pt. Abino, Ont.	Thorpe
	" all month		East Aurora	Wander
Northern Shrike	" 19		Cattaraugus Res.	Pause et al
Orange-crowned Warbler	" 5		Irving	Andrle et al
Northern Water-thrush	" 4	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell, Wright
	" 19	1	Tifft Street	Andrle et al
	" 24	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
Red-wing	Reported all month from Woodlawn (max. 18) and Tifft Street (max. 53).			
Cowbird	Jan. 11	18	Port Colborne, Ont.	Seeber et al
	" 16	1	Tifft Street	Andrle, Murphy
	" 18, 19	1, 1	Jamestown	Beal
	" all month	2	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
Cardinal	" 18	2	Grand Island	Mitchell et al
Purple Finch	" 11	5	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Filor et al
Pine Grosbeak	" 19	3	Long Beach, Ont.	Gamble, Wagner
	" 1	3	Woodlawn	Pause, Nathan
Common Redpoll	" 1	1	U. of B. campus	Wagner
	" 4	4	Albion	Brockner
	" 4	8	Woodlawn	Mitchell, Wright
	" 5	173	Wanakah, Irving	Nathan et al
	" 11	12	Pt. Abino, Ont. & Morgan's Point, Ont.	Seeber et al
	" 12	1	Bear Swamp	Andrle
	" 16	1	Youngstown	Seeber
	" 18	10	Bear Swamp & Wilson	Andrle
	" 19	53	Emery Park	Pause et al
	" 21	25	Tifft Street	Pause
	" 26	136	Youngstown, Wilson	Pause et al
Hoary Redpoll	" 26	1	Youngstown	Thorpe et al
Pine Siskin	" 5		Irving	Nathan et al
	" 11	20	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Nathan et al
	" 16	2	Youngstown	Seeber
Goldfinch	" 12	100	Harris Hill and Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 16	1	Youngstown	Seeber
	" 19	1	Tifft Street	Pause et al
Red-eyed Towhee	" 1	1	Woodlawn	Pause, Nathan
	" 5	1	Irving	Murphy
	" 11	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Seeber et al
Swamp Sparrow	" 5	1	Tifft Street	Savage, Murphy
	" 24	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
Song Sparrow	" 1	1	Bird Island	Nathan, Filor
	" 2	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner
	" 5	2	Buffalo Beach, Irving	Nathan et al
	" 11	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Seeber et al
	" 19	1	Irving	Thorpe, Brockner
Lapland Longspur	" 1	2	Bedell Road	Seeber
Snow Bunting	" 3	350	Sardinia, Springville	Mitchell
	" 11	100	Lakewood	Beal

Book Review

"How to Study Birds" by Stuart Smith

This book, while it treats largely of English birds and of their habits, is of equal interest to American bird students. The author seeks to interest the bird watcher in recording or charting or photographing various fascinating aspects of bird behavior, rather than in a search for rarities and in the compiling of lists of birds.

In order to suggest new angles of approach and added interest to the hobby of bird study, a bird's year from spring migration to winter flocking is discussed in the light of modern scientific knowledge, and many problems still to be solved are posed for the reader. For example, in spite of considerable experimental work to attempt to account for the urge of birds wintering in southern latitudes to migrate north in spring, the causes which produce this urge are still undetermined. Also, whereas many species of birds have shown ability to return to their "home", when banded and released hundreds of miles away, some Goshawks and Sharp-shinned Hawks did not return home even when released but a few miles away.

The author shows charts on the seasonal course of bird song for various species, as well as charts on the total output of song from before sunrise to after sunset for various times of the year and for different species. Much can be done by an individual observer along this line, as well as in charting nesting activities (as was so well illustrated to us by Louise deKiriline Lawrence in her talk before our Society last December). Much research work needs to be done to determine the factors influencing habitat selection, and the ability of a species to adapt itself to a changing environment. In this connection the author's discussion of ecological factors affecting the Crested and Bearded Tits is of particular interest. We can learn much from similar studies in our Niagara Frontier area.

In a chapter on "Inheritance and Imitation", the author brings out the fact that while many actions of a bird are instinctive, certain others, such as pecking up food and ability to sing the normal song of the species, are not invariably instinctive, but need to be acquired by following their parents and imitating their actions. This "follow" instinct has recently been shown to be associated with the first living or moving object with which the young bird has contact after the moment of hatching, especially if that object can produce sounds similar to those used by the parent birds at hatching time. This remarkable fact, called "imprinting", was demonstrated by a scientist who stood in front of the eggs of a gray-lag goose, while these were hatching in an incubator, and remained there until all the chicks were hatched and could see clearly. During this time he moved about and imitated the noises normally used by the goose as the young hatch. From that time onward, the young goslings regarded him completely as their parent and insisted on following him wherever he went. Other adult geese, even those with broods, were ignored.

The latter part of the book deals with the importance of a bird's eye, and its reaction to various colors, as well as with the many implications which arise from the ability of a bird to fly. There are many unanswered questions which are posed by the author regarding all of these points and many others relating to problems in bird population and bird behavior, the answers to which still remain to be solved by the patient and thoughtful bird watcher.

There are excellent photographs, in many ways unique, showing, as they do, many aspects of bird behavior and of methods used in carrying out experiments. At the end of the book is a comprehensive bibliography, and references are given to text pages.

I sincerely hope that every one of our members may take the time to read this book carefully, and obtain inspiration to conduct some type of investigation which is suggested therein.

Harold D. Mitchell

N.B. This book, a gift from Mr. W.J. Dugan, is now available in our Hazelton Library.

Notes

Two Museum Bird Courses will be offered this spring at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Miss Mabel James will teach "Bird Study for Beginners", a series of ten Tuesday afternoon classes meeting from 3:45 P.M. to 5 P.M., beginning March 4. William C. Vaughan will teach "The Land Birds of Western New York", consisting of ten Thursday evening classes meeting from 7:45 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., beginning March 6. Field trips will be a part of both courses.

Persons desiring back copies of "The Prothonotary" to complete their files are requested to send in promptly to the Editor a list of any issues they need. As soon as the demand is known for the various issues, the Council will be able to fix a price for these back numbers and determine which issues, if any, should be reprinted because the demand exceeds the supply of copies now available. The Society would appreciate receiving copies of any issues in the hands of members or subscribers who are not interested in keeping such issues for their libraries.

William C. Vaughan

Rochester Bird Notes for January, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, include winter wren, cardinal, redpoll and song sparrow in the early part of the month. In mid-month Hermit Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing (in Highland Park), Cedar Waxwing, Myrtle Warbler, and Pine Grosbeak were among the birds recorded. Records for the latter half of January include Prairie Horned Lark, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Catbird, Cowbird, robin and White-throated Sparrow.

While driving through Durand Eastman Park on January 14, I saw a Catbird along a brook near the Culver Road entrance; also six Robins, and among the ducks on Lake Ontario near the park was a Green-winged Teal drake.

New England Bird Notes for October, 1946, which was warm and dry, following a cold wave during the first few days, show many late records, as for example, twenty-four species of warblers were recorded for the month. Flycatchers, both marsh wrens, thrushes, vireos, bobolinks, Baltimore orioles, rusty blackbirds, indigo buntings and sparrows made a good showing, while there was a good flight of chickadees, red-breasted nuthatches and pine siskins. In contrast, only one northern shrike and two snowy owls were recorded. A few American Egrets remained. In general, the waterfowl and shore bird flight was poor. Among the rarities were Western Grebe at Nahant, White Pelican at Plum Island, Blue Goose near Newburyport, seven Snow Geese at Boylston, two Black Vultures at West Tisbury, black gryfalcon, purple gallinule and curlew sandpiper at Monomoy, red phalarope in Vermont, Franklin's gull at Lynn, northern hairy woodpecker collected at Nahant, western tanager at Newton, blue grosbeak at East Windsor, Conn., seven dickcissels, lark bunting at Rowley, and two clay-colored sparrows.

Harold D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, March 12 — "Bird Banding", by Ray M. Verrill, Heather Thorpe and members of the Lockport bird group. 8:00 P.M., Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science.

Wednesday, March 26 — "Our Territory and What to Expect", by members of the Research Committee; Plans for the Spring Duck Census, by Winston W. Brockner, Census Leader. 8:00 P.M., Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science.

Field Trips:

Sunday, March 16 — Grand Island. Leader: Donald Pause (Humboldt 4984). Meet 8:00 A.M., Delaware and Hertel Avenues.

Sunday, March 30 — Spring Duck Census. Leader: Winston Brockner (Lincoln 2992).

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The Month

February was characterized by cold, snow, and wind. Temperatures averaged 2.1 degrees below normal. Snow fell on all except four days, and much of the time was whipped into blinding density by high winds. This was especially true on the 9th and from the 22nd - 27th inclusive, when driving was hazardous and many roads were closed. Conditions south of Buffalo were particularly bad. Following the mild, open weather of the preceding winter months, February seemed even more severe than it actually was, and apparently had a considerable effect on the bird life in Western New York. Records of summer resident land birds, such as filled our January list, tamed down greatly, leaving gaps which were only partially filled by the influx of visitors from the north. No Glaucous, Iceland, or Kumlien's Gulls were reported during the month, and while Redpolls and Snow Buntings were commoner than usual, no Crossbills or Pine Grosbeaks were observed, and no great numbers of the other finches.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Common Loon	Feb. 21	1	Grand Island	Seeber
Horned Grebe	" 12	1	Lake Chautauqua outlet	Parker
Black-cr. Night Heron	" 10	2	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seeber
	" 12	6	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Roche et al
Mute Swan	" 12	1	Lake Chautauqua outlet	Parker
Whistling Swan	Jan. 2	1	Hamlin	Guelf
Redhead	Feb. 1	20	Buffalo harbor	Mitchell et al
Canvas-back	" 1	1	Buffalo harbor	Mitchell et al
	" all month	max. 1500	Grand Island	Several members
Lesser Scaup Duck	" 28	3	Grand Island	Seeber
Bufflehead	" 1	12	Buffalo harbor	Mitchell et al
	" 10	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Seeber
Old-squaw	"	(comparatively scarce)		
	" 12	4	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 14	18	Grand Island	Seeber
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Jan. 9	1	Jamestown	Sundell
	Feb. 11	1	Jamestown	Sundell
	" 11	1	Ripley	Somerside
Cooper's Hawk	Jan. 12	1	Irving	Wright
	Feb. 16	1	Wanakah	Wright

Rough-legged Hawk	Feb. 11	1	Forest Road	Seeber
	" 12	1	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 12	1	Grand Island	Doyle
	" 12	1	Lake Ontario shore	Seeber
Ruffed Grouse	" 16	1	Holland	Wagner
Coot	Jan. 25	1	L. Chautauqua outlet	Sundell
Glaucous Gull	" 28	1	Fuhrman dump	Sundell
Ring-billed Gull	Feb. 1	1	Fuhrman dump	Andrle
	" 28	2	Grand Island	Seeber
Mourning Dove	Jan. 2	1	Sweden	Guelf
Screech Owl	Feb. 12, 16, and 24	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 14	1	Falconer	rep. Sundell
Great Horned Owl	" 12	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Doyle
	" 16	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Snowy Owl	Jan. 3rd week	1	Ellicottville	Parker
	" 25	1	Onoville	Parker
Long-eared Owl	Feb. 11	1	Forest Road	Seeber
	" 15	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Andrle et al
Short-eared Owl	" 15	1	Wainfleet marsh, Ont.	Andrle et al.
Saw-whet Owl	" 26	1	(found dead) Jamestown	rep. Stanley
Belted Kingfisher	" 12	1	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
Northern Horned Lark	" 8	1	Elma	Nathan, Seeber
Prairie Horned Lark	" all month		fairly large numbers seen	
Tufted Titmouse	Jan. 19	1	Irving	Wright
	Feb. 16	1	Wanakah	Wright
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Jan. 27 - Feb. 1	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Feb. 12	5	Cascade Park	Wright
	" 23	1	Crystal Lake	Wagner
Mockingbird	" all month	1	Batavia	Pixley
Robin	Jan. 3	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Feb. 12	1	Grand Island	Wendling
	" 13	1	Cayuga Island	rep. Heilborn
	" 16	1	Orchard Park	Wander
	" 23	1	Wurlitzer plant	Seeber et al
Cedar Waxwing	" 10	26	Orchard Park	Wander
	" 12	1	North Boston	Wright
Red-wing	Jan. 4, 31	1, 1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 24	1	Akron Public School feeding station	rep. Stanley
	" 25	1	Batavia	Doyle
	Feb. 1	3	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
	" 15	1	Akron Public School feeding station	rep. Stanley
Bronzed Grackle	Jan. 3	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Feb. 26	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Cowbird	Jan. 26, 31	1, 1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Feb. 1	2	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
Evening Grosbeak	" 12	1	L. Chautauqua outlet	Parker
	" 14-19	max. 60	East Aurora	Knox
Purple Finch	Jan. 18	3	Point Abino, Ont.	Wright
	Feb. 23	1	Wilson	Seeber et al
Common Redpoll	" all month		unusually common	
Hoary Redpoll	" 11	1	Ripley	Somerside
	" 12	2	Braddock's Bay	Seeber
Pine Siskin	" 12	1	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 16	10	Holland	Wagner
Goldfinch	Jan. 4, 9, 27, and 31	3	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Feb. 11	6	Forest Road	Seeber
	" 12	3	Tifft Street	Doyle
	" 12	2	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 20	2	University of Buffalo campus	Doyle
Red-eyed Towhee	" 13	1	Derby	Larkin
Field Sparrow	Jan. 18	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Wright

Swamp Sparrow	Feb. 1	1	Lake Chautauqua outlet	Sundell
Song Sparrow	Jan. 19	2	Irving	Wright
	Feb. 15	1	Wainfleet, Ont.	Andrle et al
	" 22	1	Colden	Doyle
	" 28	1	Grand Island	Seeber
Lapland Longspur	" 2	20	Hamburg	Wright
	" 2	2	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
	" 11		Ripley	Somerside
	" 28	12	Grand Island	Seeber
Snow Bunting	" all month		unusually common	

Total species in 1947 to February 28 - 94
Total species in 1946 to February 28 - 79

Our Cardinals

Our pair of Cardinals appeared in our backyard for the first time January 28, 1946. We were prepared for them; we had heard about their presence in upper LaSalle (including Cayuga Island) on various occasions during the previous months. We hoped to keep them with sunflower seeds. They both came again (male and female) on February 3rd, and the male was again seen eating the seeds on February 6th. From then on both of them frequently returned for food. My notes for February 19 read: "The pair of Cardinals are feeding almost daily in our backyard, usually several times a day."

We all derived the greatest pleasure all winter, spring, and summer from daily watching these gorgeous birds eating on the ground outside our kitchen window. A second neighboring feeding station (Mrs. Tryon's) undoubtedly helped keep them in the immediate vicinity. For a while they were rather timid, and passing cars and persons caused them to fly away. Later on they calmed down and became rather tame (particularly the male), and during the summer they were often feeding with us sitting only some twenty to twenty-five feet away (nor did we have to be too quiet). It was very amusing to watch the English Sparrows crowding the eating Cardinals, using them as nutcrackers and quickly catching the sunflower kernels when they accidentally dropped on the ground. On occasion the sparrows actually attempted to grab the nuts out of the Cardinal's mouth, but with what success we were unable to judge. When the Cardinals lost their patience, they went for the sparrows and uttered a distinct hissing sound with their open beaks. However, the sparrows usually remained. The redbirds cracked the sunflower seeds by holding them lengthwise in their strong beaks, working them for a short while and letting the shell halves fall one on each side. They gradually became very skillful at this operation. The amount of sunflower seeds consumed (about 5 to 15 at each meal several times a day) during the spring and summer suggested that their diet probably was rather one-sided, perhaps even too much unbalanced for a healthy life.

The following notes represent the highlights of our observations.

By spring the pair were practically members of our family, and we knew well their little individual behaviors and manners. Starting as quite greedy toward the female at the food tray, the male became very attentive, taking seeds to her in the trees. He sang and whistled from the treetops, to the delight of the neighborhood, and the female soon disappeared except for short visits to the feeding stations. Our searches for the nest were in vain until, on June 15, we found it on the other side of Cayuga Creek. This search was spurred by the discovery on June 13 of two very nearly full-grown youngsters near the feeding stations on our side of the creek. The father was feeding them larvae and insects, these evidently being softer than the seed kernels. Judging from their mature appearance, and by comparison with later experiences, I estimated that they had left their nest some seven to ten days earlier. After a few days they appeared at the feeding stations and the male then fed them cracked sunflower seeds. During the last week of June, they pretty much cared for themselves and cracked their own seeds. About June 29th one of them was getting quite reddish, suggesting that this was a male bird.

The nest was discovered June 15th in a Beautybush eight feet from the ground and three feet from a house corner and a large open veranda. People were using the

veranda from about June 10 when the weather got warm. Some large pieces of paper were woven into the nest. The female was incubating three eggs. It was never satisfactorily determined if it was the same nest used the second time, or if the nest was new. A close search, even after the leaves were gone, failed to reveal any other nest. The nest was again inspected on June 30th, and contained one egg and two babies only a few days old and still blind. Notice the perfect timing for changing the feeding from first to second brood! Upon inspection on July 12, only the egg was left in the nest but the youngsters were out - reported gone "during the week". On July 14 the male was feeding one youngster at the feeding station for the first time, and on July 20 both at the same time, proving that both fledglings survived. They were fed almost entirely by the male, with the female still conspicuously absent except for feeding periods. Neither parent would tolerate the presence of the youngsters from the first brood.

When on July 23 I introduced Harold Mitchell to our red family friends and the old nest (for recovery) he discovered another nest in a Pink Hawthorne tree further away from the veranda and about ten feet from the ground. The female was incubating three eggs, the size and color of which matched the egg left in the previous nest. This nest also had paper interwoven in the bottom. On August 14 I found two very juvenile fledglings hopping around awkwardly in the trees close to the nest, and I had the impression that they had just gotten out that afternoon. The male was feeding them. (When I recovered the nest for the museum shortly thereafter, the third egg was not there.) About a week later, and thereafter, the two youngsters appeared on our side of the creek and were fed cracked seeds at the stations by the male. On September 4, we observed them cracking a few seeds by themselves, but on the 21st they were still begging and being fed a large part of their food by the parents (both parents helped feed them during September). The parents would not tolerate the presence of any members of the preceding broods and the older youngsters, in turn, frequently chased the younger ones from the tray.

The number of youngsters present in the vicinity gradually decreased from August to November, and in December only one female was around the feeder besides the two original parents, and she had by this time gotten the red beak and other appearances of a mature Cardinal, so that we are no longer sure which is the youngster and which the mother. By now they all tolerate each other's presence most of the time. At this writing, all three are still our daily visitors.

The particularly interesting feature of the above summarized observations is the fact that <u>the same pair</u> had three broods during the season, with two surviving youngsters from each brood. (The presence of adequate food may have helped to facilitate this.) Both the Tryons and ourselves are quite convinced about the correctness of this observation. The consecutiveness of the dates supports this statement, as well as our familiarity with the birds and their behaviors. At no time since the first appearance of the birds has more than one mature male or female ever been seen here at one time (except during December with two females present).

From our miscellaneous observations, I estimate the following dates for the three broods leaving the nests, with a probable accuracy of plus or minus two days:

1. brood	June 3
2. brood	July 9
3. brood	August 14

We are now hoping for a pleasant winter in their company and with a great deal of interest look forward to the next breeding season. It would have been quite interesting to have had the original pair banded to determine if the same individuals will still stick together during 1947.

The Heilborns

Niagara Falls, N.Y.
December 30, 1946.

Notes

The Statisticians are interested in learning of all locations of Cardinals in our territory, in order to compare their present distribution with that of past years. Therefore, please send in all records of observations and endeavor to locate nests and obtain dates for eggs or young in nest.

Rochester Bird Notes for February include Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Redpoll, Goldfinch, and Song Sparrow for the first week of the month. The following week Old-squaw Duck, White-winged Scoter, Prairie Horned Lark, Catbird, Myrtle Warbler, and Pine Siskin were among those seen. Records for the week ending February 21 included Canada Goose, Lesser Scaup Duck, Rough-legged and Marsh Hawks, Hermit Thrush, and Northern Shrike.

New England Bird Notes for November, 1946, included records of late stragglers scarcely less spectacular than in October, inasmuch as the warm and dry fall weather continued. Among these stragglers were Phoebes, House Wrens, Catbirds, a Gnatcatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, three Baltimore Orioles, a Scarlet Tanager and nine species of warblers, including Parula, Cape May, and Ovenbird. The fresh-water ducks made an unusually poor showing, compared with a fairly good flight of sea and bay ducks, and of Canada Geese and Brant. An American Egret lingered at Saybrook, Conn., until the 3rd. Other unusual records were Pacific Loon, a very late Cory's Shearwater, five Snow Geese, four European Widgeon, 1 hybrid Baldpate x Pintail (a very rare cross) shot at Concord, Mass., a Barrow's Golden-eye at Lake Oneta, 21 Turkey Vultures in one day in Connecticut, Long-billed Dowitcher and Franklin's Gull on the outer Cape, five Arkansas Kingbirds, making up for the earlier deficiency, six Snowy Owls, one Barn Swallow at Chatham on the 10th, four Dickcissels, an Oregon Junco (subsp.?) at Monomoy, and Clay-colored Sparrow at Martha's Vineyard. Many northern finches were reported with widespread distribution, with Pine Siskins and Redpolls especially in evidence, and fair numbers of Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, and Pine Grosbeak, with a few White-winged Crossbills

New England Bird Notes for December, 1946, continued to record late stragglers such as two Virginia Rails and a Yellow Rail on the outer Cape, also several Killdeer, three Lesser Yellow-legs and one Least Sandpiper, Mourning Doves, Sapsuckers, Phoebe, one Arkansas Kingbird at Ipswich, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Catbirds, Bluebirds, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, five species of warblers (including Black-poll), Red-wing, Rusty Blackbird, two Baltimore Orioles, Cowbirds, four Dickcissels, Towhees, and Savannah, Field, White-throated, Fox, Swamp, and Song Sparrows. Among the rarities were Richardson's Owl at West Hartford, Conn., Red-headed Woodpecker, Canada Jay, Acadian Chickadees at Williamstown and Ware, Mass., Hoary Redpoll at Dover, and two Oregon Juncos (subsp.?), a Harris's Sparrow, and one of the four Dickcissels all at the same feeding station at Boxford, maintained by Dr. Maddock. We would like to know what prescription Dr. Maddock uses to attract these oddities. A first record for Massachusetts was a Green-tailed Towhee, which appeared at a feeder in Northampton on December 31, and the photograph of which, by Mary S. Shaub, appears on the cover. Northern finches continued to be in evidence, with Purple Finches and Redpolls increasing, and a few more Crossbills (both species) and with Pine Siskins still in evidence, although far below the numbers of the heavy mid-autumn flight. On December 1 the count off Monomoy of 100,000 American Eiders was the highest ever recorded and shows a marked increase in recent years. On the same day the count of 250,000 White-winged Scoters was also remarkably high. On the outer Cape on the 22nd census, a record count of 16,500 Herring Gulls and 1,550 Great Black-backed Gulls was made, while only 38 Ring-billed Gulls were recorded.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

SATURDAY, April 12 - Joint meeting with Audubon Society and guests. Dinner will be served in the Museum Cafeteria at $1.50 per plate at 7:00 P.M. following an all-day field trip to Oak Orchard Swamp with Alexander Sprunt, Jr. Come directly to the dinner in field clothes. Meeting will follow dinner in the Cafeteria, at which time Mr. Sprunt will talk informally. RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST BE MADE

WITH MISS EUGENIA PRAEMASSING NOT LATER THAN APRIL 9th. All reservations must be paid for, if unable to attend. Phone Parkside 1088 or write Miss Eugenia Praemassing, 87 Linden Avenue, Buffalo 14, N.Y. Bring friends.

SUNDAY, April 13 - Audubon Lecture, "From Coast to Crest", by Alexander Sprunt, Jr. Museum Auditorium, 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 23 - Motion Pictures, by James Savage. Plans for Spring Census, under leadership of William C. Vaughan. Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science, 8:00 P.M.

Field Trips:

Sunday, March 30 - Spring Duck Census. Leader Winston W. Brockner (Elmwood 6888).

SATURDAY, April 12 - Joint field trip with Audubon Society, under leadership of Harold D. Mitchell (University 8532), in company with Alexander Sprunt, Jr., to Oak Orchard Swamp. Meet 8:00 A.M. at end of Main St. No. 8 car line, Main near Kenmore Avenue. If unable to get an early start, latecomers can undoubtedly meet the group at the Swamp. Bring lunch and boots.

Sunday, April 20 - Joint trip with Burroughs-Audubon Society of Rochester and the Buffalo Audubon Society to Oak Orchard Swamp, under leadership of Harold D. Mitchell (University 8532). Meet at center of town of Oakfield at 10:15 A.M. Bring lunch and boots.

Sunday, April 27 - Letchworth Park and Castile, under leadership of Axel Heilborn. Phone Niagara Falls 3-2844. Meet 8:00 A.M., corner Transit Road and Center Street, Routes 16 and 78. We will stop at 8:20 A.M. under the railroad bridge in East Aurora to pick up those who wish to meet at that point. Will proceed thru Holland. Arcade, and Eagle. Mrs. Thompson will meet us.

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The Month

March was a wintry month. Not only was it consistently cold (29.9, compared with normal of 31.3 and last year's 44.5), but there was a great deal of snow, accompanied by high winds. Precipitation fell on all except four days, a frequency equalled only in 1901; and this was in the form of snow on twenty-five days. On the 3rd and 4th, and again on the 25th and 26th, high winds piled relatively light snowfalls into deep drifts which made many highways impassable. Driving was hazardous enough in the northern counties, but heavier snowfalls and greater drifting to the east and south stalled several freight and passenger trains. Near Olean drifts were reported thirty feet high. There was not a single warm, spring day during the month, and Robins and Red-wings, which are willing to wait until March 15 for warm weather, but which become very impatient thereafter, had to wait until the 23rd before they moved into western New York in numbers. On that day and the next, temperatures rose into the low fifties, and migration made a fair start, only to be stopped cold by the blizzard of the 25th and 26th. The last week of the month averaged nine degrees below normal. A comparison between the Noteworthy Records of March 1946 and the records below will show how striking an effect weather may have on the northward movement of our early spring migrants.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

(c) denotes species was seen on spring duck census of March 30
* denotes new species for the year 1947

Common Loon	March 16 F	1	Grand Island	Brockner et al
*Pied-billed Grebe (c)	" 25 F	1	Fredonia (forced down on farm by storm)	Stanley
Great Blue Heron (c)	" 23 F	1	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
	" 24	1	Harris Hill	Seeber
Black-cr. Night Heron (c)	" 8	4	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Andrle
*Mute Swan	" 1	1	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Whistling Swan (c)	" 20	small flock	Chautauqua Lake	Mrs. Chilson, rep. Mitchell
	" 29	1	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
	" 29	6	Tonawanda	Wagner
*Canada Goose (c)	" 10 F	40	Lockport	Webster
	" 13	15	Oak Orchard Swamp	Covey, rep. Mitchell
	" 14	10	Hamburg-on-Lake	Doyle

Canada Goose (cont.)	March 14		50	Oak Orchard Swamp	rep. Doyle
	" 29		small flock	Oak Orchard	Andrle, Doyle
	" 29		1	Grand Island	Andrle, Doyle
*Lesser Snow Goose	" 28	F	18	Perrysburg	Dabolt, Stanley
Black Duck (c)	" 29		400	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
*Baldpate (c)	" 16	F	3	Sunken Isle	Pause et al
*Gadwall	" 16	F	2	Grand Island	Pause et al
	" 23		1	Grand Island	Brockner et al
Pintail (c)	" 16	F	2	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	" 23		7	Niagara Falls	Brockner et al
Redhead (c)	Febr. 16		2	near Black Creek, Ont.	Nathan
	March 26		8	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
*Ring-necked Duck (c)	" 26	F	2	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Canvas-back (c)	Febr. 16		400	near Black Creek, Ont.	Nathan
	March 1		9	Chautauqua Lake outlet	Sundell
	" 8		75	near waterworks	Andrle
	" all month		70 - 175	Grand Island	Several members
Buffle-head (c)	" 15		2	Grand Island	Mitchell, Savage
	" 20		15	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
	" 23		10	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	" all month		30	Niagara River off Ft. Erie, Ont.	Mitchell
White-winged Scoter	" 27	F	1	Buffalo Harbor	Seeber
Hooded Merganser (c)	" 16	F	1	Grand Island	several members
	" 27		1	Buffalo Harbor	Seeber
	" 28		2	Grand Island	Doyle
American Merganser (c)	" 23		600	(max. reported) Grand Island	Brockner et al
Sharp-shinned Hawk (c)	" 23		1	Lake shore	Pause et al
Cooper's Hawk (c)	Febr. 16		1	Ridgway, Ont.	Nathan, Drobits
	March 2		2	East Aurora	Seeber et al
	" 9		1	Tifft Street	Pause et al
	" 23		3	Lake shore	Pause et al
	" 23		1	Batavia	Elberg
Red-tailed Hawk (c)	" 23		11	Lake shore	Pause et al
Red-shouldered Hawk (c)	" 16	F	1	Oak Orchard Swamp	Mitchell et al
	" 23		1	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
	" 23		19	Lake shore	Pause, Thorpe
	" 23		3	Clarence	Mitchell et al
Rough-legged Hawk (c)	" 16		1	Grand Island	Brockner et al
	" 19		1	Grand Island	Pause
	" 31		1	Grand Island	Doyle
Bald Eagle (c)	" 19		1	Grand Island	Pause
*Duck Hawk (c)	Febr. 15		1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	North
	" 16		1	Wainfleet, Ont.	Nathan, Drobits
*Pigeon Hawk (c)	March 30		1	Perrysburg	Dabolt, rep. Stanley
Killdeer (c)	" 15	F	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, Savage
	" 15	F	1	Kenmore	Wagner
	" 16		6	Grand Island	several members
*Woodcock (c)	" 26		1	South Buffalo (picked up alive during storm by Mrs. Lyons and taken to S.P.C.A.)	rep. Epes
Glaucous Gull	" 8		1	Ohio basin	Andrle
	" 12		1	LaSalle Quarry	Pause
Ring-billed Gull (c)	" 1		1	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
	" 12	F		Grand Island	Mitchell, Eames
Mourning Dove (c)	" 16	F	3	Niagara Falls	Mrs. Brockner
Great Horned Owl (c)	Febr. 16		3	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
	March all month		1 to 4 nesting birds observed on	Grand Island	several members
Snowy Owl	" 29	L	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Wright
Short-eared Owl	Febr. 2		1	Grand Island	Pause, Nathan

Belted Kingfisher (c)	March 16 F	1	Grand Island	Seeber
Flicker (c)	" 1	1	Kenmore	Andrle
	" 26	several	South shore, Lake Erie	Mitchell
*Pileated Woodpecker (c)	" 23	1	Gowanda	Filor et al
Blue Jay (c)	" 9-15	three flocks of 10, 20, and 30	Chautauqua County	Stanley
Brown-capped Chickadee	" 1	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Doyle
Tufted Titmouse	" 23	2	Irving	Pause et al
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 1	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Mockingbird (c)	" 9	1	Derby	Andrle et al
	" 23	1	Derby	Seeber et al
	" all month	1	Batavia, feeding station	Pixley
*Catbird	" 19	1	Grand Island	Pause
Robin (c)	" 1	1	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
	" 13	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Weber
	" 13	1	Rose Hill, Ont.	Weber
	" 23	117	(first pronounced migratory movement)	
*Hermit Thrush	" 1	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, Savage
*Bluebird (c)	" 14 F	1	Batavia	Potter, fide Pixley
	" 23	2	Irving	Filor
	" 24	1	Boston	Almendinger
Cedar Waxwing (c)	" 2	59	Orchard Park and East Aurora	Seeber et al
	" 9	5	Irving	Andrle
	" 16	10	East Aurora	Mitchell et al
Northern Shrike	Febr. 2	1	Grand Island	Nathan, Pause
	March 1	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, Savage
	" 5	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Murphy
	" 8	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, Eames
	" 29	1	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
Meadowlark (c)	" 24 F	1	Buffalo	Dougherty fide Webster
Red-wing (c)	" 1		Tifft Street	Doyle
	" 2 F	4	Wanakah	Seeber et al
	" 16	40	Bergen Swamp	Wagner
	" 16	13	Oak Orchard Swamp	Mitchell et al
	" 23		(hundreds migrating, south shore of Lake Erie)	Mitchell
*Rusty Blackbird (c)	" 22 F	1	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
	" 23	5	Derby	Seeber et al
Bronzed Grackle (c)	" 22 F	3	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
	" 23	40	several places	several members
	" 26, 29		marked increase in abundance noted several places	
Cowbird (c)	Febr. 16	30	Dunnville, Ont.	Seeber et al
	March 2	7	Tifft Street	Seeber et al
			(no mid-March records whatsoever)	
Cardinal (c)	"		Reported from Grand Island (20), Niagara Falls (10), Bergen Swamp, Irving, Gowanda (35), Buffalo, East Aurora, Orchard Park, Derby, Frewsburg, Batavia.	
Evening Grosbeak	" 2	21	East Aurora	Seeber et al
	" 9	2	Point Abino, Ont.	Nathan, Seeber
	" 16 L	30	East Aurora	Mitchell et al
Common Redpoll (c)	" all month		numerous reports	
Hoary Redpoll	" 5	2	South Buffalo	Pause
	" 23	1	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
Goldfinch (c)	" 1	2	Grand Island	Andrle, Gamble
	" 30	1	Batavia	Pixley
*White-winged Crossbill	" 3	3	Buffalo	Murphy

*White-throated Sparrow	March 1	2	Grand Island	Doyle, Andrle
	" 16	2	Grand Island	Andrle
	" 23	1	Buffalo	Sinnott fide Webster
Song Sparrow (c)	" all month		numerous records, but did not become common until 28th or later	
Lapland Longspur	Febr. 2	4	Grand Island	Pause, Nathan
	March 1	12	Grand Island	Mitchell, Savage
	" 16	4	Grand Island	Pause et al
	" 22, 23	1	Hyde Park	Cameron
Snow Bunting (c)	" 2	188	Lake shore	Seeber et al
	" 6	150	Alden	Mitchell
	" 16	16	Grand Island	Pause et al
	" 29	1	Route #77, just north of Main St.	Doyle, Andrle

New species for year 1947 during March 25
Total species to March 31, 1947 for year 120

Nesting Records

Great Horned Owl	March 16	2 nests	Grand Island	Pause, Brockner etal

Spring Duck Census

March 30, 1947

Weather: Overcast, scattered sunshine, cold, windy, blowing snow on ground.
Temperature: High 32 degrees; low 26 degrees.
Total Species: 79 Total individuals: 21,339

This was the earliest spring Duck Census held by our Society. The combination of the inclement weather and the fact that almost all ponds and lakes were still frozen aided in holding our list down to an almost all-time low for this count. The weather was in great contrast to that which we had a year ago. Some idea of the difference between the two years can be gathered from the fact that no loons or horned grebes were observed and only two pied-billed grebes were found.

Among the interesting and notable records were the three Green-winged Teal by Gamble, Nathan and Seeber on the Grand River; a Duck Hawk on the Genesee River by Wilson and Brown; a Pigeon Hawk at Niagara Falls by Mitchell, Eames and Dugan; two European Partridges by Gamble, Nathan and Seeber near Dunnville, Ont.; three Mockingbirds - one by Pixley at Batavia, one near Sherman by Murphy, and one at Derby by A.J. Wright.

I want to thank all observers and leaders for their co-operation.

Winston W. Brockner

Territories and observers were as follows:

A.	Batavia and vicinity	Pixley
B.	Letchworth Park	Wagner
C.	Dunkirk, Fredonia, Cassadaga Lake	Stanley, Siegel
D.	Dunkirk to Findley Lake	Doyle, Andrle
E.	Port Colborne, Ont., to Grand River, Ont.	Gamble, Nathan, Seeber
F.	Clymer to Chautauqua Lake	Murphy, Pause, Sundell
G.	Grand Island, south half	Thorpe, Drobits
H.	Grand Island, north half	Vaughan and class
I.	Niagara River, American side	Mitchell, Eames, Dr. Dugan
J.	Emery Park, East Aurora, Holland	Verrill
K.	Oak Orchard Swamp and vicinity	Brockners, Wallaces, Klabundes, Koch, Tulinoff

L.	Niagara Falls, Wilson, Bond's Lake	Rogerson
M.	Tifft Street to Dunkirk (south shore, Lake Erie)	A.J. Wright
N.	Clarence Sinks and vicinity	Wendling, Elberg
O.	Kenmore, Niagara Falls to Lockport	Schott
P.	Zoar Valley and southward	Creightons, McShanes
Q.	Delaware Park, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Bear Swamp	Praemassings, Baker, Fecklam
R.	Crystal Lake, Rushford, Letchworth Park	Wilson, Brown
S.	Niagara River, Canadian side	Savage
T.	Canadian shore, Peace Bridge to Port Colborne	Tilley

Pied-billed Grebe	2	B, S
Great Blue Heron	6	
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	I in Q
Whistling Swan	200	
Canada Goose	166	
Mallard	167	
Black Duck	495	
Baldpate	179	
Pintail	191	
Green-winged Teal	3	E
Blue-winged Teal	2	F, Q
Redhead	46	
Ring-necked Duck	38	
Canvas-back	222	
Greater Scaup Duck Lesser Scaup Duck	2026	
American Golden-eye	728	
Buffle-head	71	
Old-squaw	25	
Hooded Merganser	13	
American Merganser	1367	
Red-breasted Merganser	262	
Turkey Vulture	3	E, K
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	
Cooper's Hawk	6	
Red-tailed Hawk	13	
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	
Rough-legged Hawk	6	
Bald Eagle	1	G
Marsh Hawk	17	
Duck Hawk	1	R
Pigeon Hawk	1	I
Sparrow Hawk	33	
Ruffed Grouse	6	
European Partridge	2	E
Ring-necked Pheasant	50	
Coot	4	F
Killdeer	35	
Woodcock	3	C, R
Great Black-backed Gull	16	
Herring Gull	651	
Ring-billed Gull	31	
Rock Dove	120	
Mourning Dove	5	
Screech Owl	1	F
Great Horned Owl	6	
Flicker	4	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	E
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	
Hairy Woodpecker	12	
Downy Woodpecker	53	
Prairie Horned Lark	432	
Blue Jay	66	
Crow	1768	
Black-capped Chickadee	251	
White-breasted Nuthatch	21	
Brown Creeper	9	
Mockingbird	3	A, F, M
Robin	440	
Bluebird	5	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	65	
Cedar Waxwing	1	C
Starling	6515	
English Sparrow	1199	
Meadowlark	7	
Redwing	1585	
Rusty Blackbird	19	
Bronzed Grackle	177	
Cowbird	56	
Cardinal	27	
Common Redpoll	653	
Goldfinch	34	
Red-eyed Towhee	1	E
Slate-colored Junco	118	
Tree Sparrow	297	
Fox Sparrow	1	E
Song Sparrow	152	
Snow Bunting	135	

Notes

A gull, having one wing with considerable gray and the other with only traces of gray, but with both wings possessing white tips was seen by Wagner in March at the LaSalle Quarry. A gull very similar to this was seen by Miss Thorpe two years ago at the same place.

Rochester Bird Notes for March, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, includes red-breasted nuthatch, robin, cedar waxwing, redpoll and wintering myrtle warbler during the first half of the month when migration was greatly retarded. However, the arrival of killdeer on the 15th checked exactly with our first two records.

During the third week, arrivals included Canada goose, Cooper's hawk, red-wing, purple finch and vesper sparrow, while in the following week, baldpate, pintail, redhead, ring-necked duck, buffle-head, sharp-shinned hawk, red-shouldered hawk, broad-winged hawk, marsh hawk, bluebird, and bronzed grackle were noted. Greater redpoll and Lapland longspur were also recorded.

New England Bird Notes for January include a large number of stragglers, such as Virginia and sora rails, coot, sapsucker, phoebe, long-billed marsh wren, catbird, brown thrasher, ruby-crowned kinglet, western palm warbler, Baltimore oriole and rusty blackbird. Thus, the total number of bird forms recorded exceeded any previous records for the month, and paralleled our experience in western New York. The mild season was also responsible for unusual numbers of such species as winter wren, hermit thrush, robin, bluebird, pipit, red-wing, field sparrow, and killdeer. The flight of redpolls was a feature, there being substantial proportions of greater redpolls in many of the flocks. Among the rarities were gyrfalcon at South Dartmouth, Atlantic Murres at Gloucester, Hoyt's Horned Lark (collected) at Newburyport, and Acadian chickadee at Becket. The green-tailed towhee and Harris's sparrow were again reported, as in December.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, May 14 - "Results of the Introduction of Exotic Game Birds in New York State", by Gardiner Bump, New York State Superintendent of Game, in the Museum Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. sharp. Members of the Conservation Forum, Nature Sanctuary Society, Audubon Society of Buffalo have been invited to attend, as well as our friends from Rochester in the Genesee Valley Ornithological Society and the Burroughs-Audubon Nature Club.

Wednesday, May 28 - "Results of the Spring Census, and a Comparison with Previous Years", by William C. Vaughan. Plans for the various breeding-bird censuses by respective leaders.

Field Trips:

Saturday morning bird walks have started. Meet 7:00 A.M. at Windsor and Rumsey Roads, Delaware Park, every Saturday.

Sunday, May 4 - Chautauqua Lake, Dunkirk Harbor, Barcelona, etc., meeting the Jamestown group under Clarence Beal. Meet 7:00 A.M., Townsend Hall, Niagara Square. Leader from Buffalo: Miss Kathryn Praemassing (Parkside 1088).

Sunday, May 11 - LeRoy and vicinity, including Mr. Fred Hazelton's. Meet 6:45 A.M. Main and Kenmore, end of Main Street carline. Leader: Edward C. Ulrich (Parkside 8896).

Sat. - Sun., May 17-18 Puymatuning Trip. Reservations must be made with Mr. Harold D. Mitchell (University 8532), not later than May 7th. Cost of transportation will be between $5 and $6, dependent upon number going; hotel accommodations and meals about $5. Take lunch for stop at Presque Isle, Pa., en route. Meet 7:45 A.M., Delaware and Hertel Avenues; if you wish to be picked up along Delaware from Hertel to City Hall, advise Mr. Mitchell. Stops can also be made anywhere along Route #5 to pick up. Advise Mr. Mitchell if you wish him to make hotel reservations, or you may write yourself if you prefer.

Sunday, May 18 - We have been invited to join with the Toronto Field Naturalists' Club at Long Point, Ontario, after which they will visit the St. Williams Forestry Station. Meet 10:30 A.M. at the north end of the Causeway leading to the Point.

This is about one mile south of Port Rowan, which in turn is ten or fifteen miles south and west of Simcoe, Ontario.

Sunday, May 18 - We have been invited to join with the Rochester, Geneva, and Amsterdam bird groups for a trip to Montezuma Swamp. For particulars, contact Winston W. Brockner (Elmwood 6888).

Sunday, May 25 - Spring Census; William C. Vaughan, leader (Parkside 0384).

Friday, May 30 - Decoration Day. Canadian shore of Lake Erie. Meet 7:00 A.M., Busti Avenue entrance of Peace Bridge. Leader: Edward L. Seeber (Riverside 8739).

Advance Notice of Week-end trip July 4, 5 & 6 to Bradford, Ontario, meeting with George North and his group. Mr. Bernard Nathan (Grant 8020) must have reservations not later than June 1st. Advise if you wish accommodations at a hotel or tourist cabin, or if you plan to camp out. Meals will be procured where convenient.

Notice: - Winston W. Brockner (Elmwood 6888) is taking reservations for the Hawk Mountain trip for October 11, 12 & 13. Space will be limited, and reservations must be made early.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Sunday, May 4 - Canadian shore of Lake Erie to Point Abino, Willoughby Marsh, Chippawa, and return via Niagara River Parkway. Meet 8:30 A.M. Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge. Take lunch. Leader, Miss Ellen J. Windsor (Amherst 3570).

Wednesday, May 7 - May meeting at Grosvenor Library. New, colored motion pictures of birds with sound effects.

Saturday, May 10 - Forest Lawn. Meet 1:00 P.M., Main St. and Delavan Avenue entrance. Leader, Miss Mary Ellis (Garfield 4815).

Sunday, May 11 - Grand Island. Meet 9:00 A.M., Tonawanda and Vulcan Streets. Take lunch. Leader, Francis Tilley; telephone Mrs. Overfield (Lincoln 1379).

Saturday, May 24 - Canadian shore of Lake Erie for shore birds. Meet 1:00 P.M. Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge. Leader, William H. Almendinger (Washington 5136).

Saturday, May 31 - Eden, N.Y. Meet 9:00 A.M. City Hall, Genesee Street side. Take lunch. Leader, Miss Helen Convery (Amherst 4886).

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The Month

Temperatures during April averaged only slightly below normal,but rain or snow fell on all but five days,and our memory of the month is one of raw,disagreeable weather. I think all of us expect too much of April;it should be mild and sunny every day,with warm spring rains occurring during our sleeping hours. We are prone to feel disappointed at every chill breeze,and are downright resentful when (as happened on nine days this year) snow falls in April.

The storm of March 25 had piled up extensive ice fields in our end of Lake Erie,and navigation did not open until April 21. The ice continued to present a problem,and on the last day of the month there was a complete blockup,with eight freighters,as well as a tug and an ice breaker sent to their aid,all marooned. The ice pack extended beyond them as far as t he eye could see. Another feature of the month was a heavy rain on the fifth which resulted in very severe floods in the southern counties.

With such a wintry March preceding it,April started with very small numbers of spring birds in evidence. Robins were here ,but even they were not common, and were not singing consistently until the sixth. This date is in strong contrast with last year,when Robins were singing everywhere on March 14th. We may fairly conclude that Robins start singing only when they have found their nesting territory, and do not follow calendar dates.

April records,both of water and land birds,reflect the delayed season,but there were certain very interesting and unusual reports which stand out from among the other noteworthy records listed below. Ruddy Ducks were reported in greater numbers and from more localities than in any recent year;Bonaparte's Gulls never in my memory were so late in arriving; Canada Geese were also late,but even so, many of them spent the early days of the month unsuccessfully looking foropen water in the Oak Orchard area. The outstanding records,however,were of Hooded Warblers. In addition to the two individuals seen in our territory early in the month,we are advised that a third bird was seen in Toronto the same weekend.Ornithologists are already at work on theories to account for the presence of these warblers so far out of their season, as well as for the occurance of other May migrants at the same time in other regions. Any speculation on my part would therefore be presumptuous.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Holboells Grebe *	Apr 13 F	Sherkston quarry,Ont-	Doyle
	" 13	2- Frewsburg	- Sundell
	" 26	1- Niagara River	- Rep. Thorpe

Horned Grebe *	Apr.3 F	2-Chautauqua Outlet	Sendell,Lenna
D. Cr. Cormorant *	" 12 F	2-Jamestown	-Lenna
	" 20	1-Clarence quarry	-Mitchell et al
	" 27	1,5-Barcelona,Dunkirk	-Seeber et al
Green Heron *	" 27 F	-Tifft St.	-Mitchell et al
	" 30	1- Grand Island	-Praemassings
	" 30	1 -Tifft St.	-Seeber
Bl.Cr.Night Heron	" 26	90 -Frenchman's Cr.,Ont	-Murphy
		Seen regularly in Forest Lawn	
Amer. Bittern *	" 12 F	1 -Tifft St.	-Wilson
Mute Swan	Mar.1,8	1 -Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell
	Apr.25	1 -Lake Chautauqua	-Mitchel et al
Whistling Swan	Mar.31	60-Jamestown	-Beal
	Apr.3-10	7 -Grand Island	-Several members
	" 5-19 L	1 -Dunkirk	-Stanley
	" 9	1 - "	-Wagner
Canada Goose	" 1-22	135-10,000 Oak Orchard near by areas-	-Several members
Lesser Canada Goose*	" 12	1 -Oak Orchard	-B.O.S. Trip
Lesser Snow Goose	" 5	5- " "	-Seeber
	" 12	2 - " "	-B.O.S. Trip
Blue Goose *	" 5 F	9 - " "	-Seeber
	" 12	2 - " "	-B.O.S.Trip
Gadwall	" 4	2 -Thorn Thicket	-Doyle
	" 6	2 -Grand Island	-Nathan,Filor
	" 12	2 -Oak Orchard	-Seeber
	" 13	3 -Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	-Andrle,Doyle
Green-wg. Teal		Numerous records from Grand Island,Oak Orchard, Clarence sinks,etc.	
Shoveller *	" 7 F	2 -Tifft St.	-Seeber
	" 8-25	1-14 Oak Orchard	-Several Members
	" 13	18 -Dunnville,Ont.	-Doyle,Andrle
Redhead		Reported from Grand Island,Oak Orchard,Buffalo harbor and Dunkirk in small numbers.	
Canvas-back	Mar.1,8,12	1-9-Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell
	Apr.	Reported throughout April from Buffalo harbor,Sinks, Grand Is.,Oak Orchard,Dunkirk etc.	
Ruddy Duck	" 3 F	4 -Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell,Lenna
	" 9	1 -Buffalo Harbor	-Wilson
	" 13-26	4-24 -Dunkirk Harbor	-Stanley
	" 12	6 -Oak Orchard	-B.O.S.Trip
	" 13	-Horseshoe Lake	-Pixley
	" 20	72 -Dunkirk,Findley Lake,etc.	-Andrle,Doyle
	" 22	-Buffalo harbor	-Webster
	" 24-27	-Cassadaga Lake	-Stanley
	" 24	2 -Tifft St.	-Seeber
	" 24	3--Buffalo harbor	-Mitchell
	" 25	106 -Chautauqua Lake	- "
	" 26	2 -Buckhorn Park	-Seeber
	" 27	1 -Buffalo harbor	-Mitchell
	" 27	24 -Dunkirk harbor	-Pause,Seeber
	" 30	36 -Chautauqua Lake	-Mitchell
Hooded Merganser	" Many records-maximum Apr. 20- 17 Cassadaga Lake&Irving		-Doyle,Andrle
	" 25 L	1 -Cassadaga Lake	-Mitchell et al
Turkey Vulture		Reported from South Dayton,Oak Orchard,Fredonia, Gerry,Canboro,Ont.,Wolcottsville,etc.	
Goshawk	" 14	1 -Chestnut Ridge Park	-Wilson
	" 19	1 -Grand Island	-Seeber

Sharp-sh'n'd. Hawk	Apr.		5-	records of single birds.
Fr'd-winged Hawk *	" 1		1-	Wilson -Doyle
	" 23		25-	Pt .Breeze to Rochester-Somerside
	" 27		1-	Letchworth Park -Heilborn
	" 28		1-	Forest Lawn -Klepfer,Seeber
	" 29		1-	Como Park -Verrill
	" 30		9-	Fredonia -Stanley
Rough-leg. Hawk	" 6,7		1-	Orchard Park -Wander
	" 10		1-	Stedman -Sundell
	" 10		1-	Gasport -Andrle,Doyle
	" 19		1-	Grand Island -Mitchell et al
	" 20	L	2-	" " -Wagner,Gamble
Bald Eagle	" 5		1-	" " -Byron,Andrle
	" 6		1	Buckhorn Is. -Nathan,Filor
	" 10		2-	Grand Is. -Doyle,Andrle
	" 12		1-	Oak Orchard -B.O.S.Trip
	" 23		1-	Lakeside(Orleans Co.)-Somerside
Osprey *	" 12		1-	Oak Orchard -B.O.S.Trip
	" 13		1-	Wolcottsville -Pause et al
	" 17		1-	Nu Lake -Pixley
	" 19		1-	Clarence sinks -Andrle,Doyle,Murphy
	" 23		2-	Oak Orchard -Somerside
	" 23		1-	Cassadaga -Stanley
Duck Hawk	" 10		1-	Wilson -Doyle
Pigeon Hawk	" 5		1-	Oak Orchard -Seeber
	" 14,24		1,1-	Forest Lawn -Murphy
	" 19		1-	Buckhorn Is. -Seeber
	" 25		1-	Chatauqua Lake -Mitchell
Ruffed Grouse	" 17		1-	Zoar Valley -Andrle,Doyle,Murpghy
	" 27		1-	Barcelona -Pause,Seeber et al
Virginia Rail *	" 24	F	1-	Tifft St. -Seeber
	" 25		1-	" " -Mitchell,Eames
	" 27		1-	" " -Pause,Seeber et al
	" 30		3-	" " -Elberg
Sora Rail *	" 24	F	1-	" " -Mitchell,Seeber,Eames
	" 25		1-	" " - " ,Eames
	" 27		2-	" " -Pause,Seeber et al
	" 30		2-	" " -Elberg
Florida Gallinule	" 25		1-	" " -Mitchell
Killdeer	Mar. 13		1-	Buffalo -Almendinger
Wilson's Snipe *	Apr. 4	F	1-	Transit Rd. sinks -Murphy
Upland Plover	" 19	F	2-	Grand Island -Mitchell et al
Greater Yellow-legs *	" 9	F	1-	Alabama -Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	" 12		4-	Oak Orchard - B.O.S. Trip
Yellow-legs *	" 9	F	1-	Alabama -Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	" 12		3-	Oak Orchard -Seeber
Spotted Sandpiper *	" 26	F	1-	Cassadaga -Stanley
Solitary Sandpiper *	" 27	F	1-	Langford -Thorpe
Bonaparte's Gull	" 7	F	1-	Barcelona -Murphy
	" 7		3-	Batavia -Pixley
	" 13		500-	Niagara Loop -Sprunt,Savage,Mitchell
Forster's Tern *	" 23	F	2-	Bird Island -Seeber
Common Tern *	" 13	F	1-	Whirlpool -Mitchell
Barn Owl	" 13		1-	Long beach,Ont. -Andrle,Doyle
	" 26		1-	Dunkirk -Stanley
	" 26		1-	Forest Lawn -Almendinger et al
	" 26		1-	Tifft St. -Vaughan et al
Screech Owl	Mar. 27		1-	Humboldt Park -Thorpe
	Apr. 5		2-	Buffalo -Rep. Andrle
	" 14		1-	Williamsville - " "

Gr.-Horned Owl	Apr. 3		1-	Forest Rd.	-Andrle
	" 3		1-	Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell,Lenna
	" 4		2-	Buckhorn Is.	-Pause,Filor
	" 10		1-	Frewsburg	-Sundell
	" 20		2-	Canboro,Ont	-Nathan,North et al
	" 24		1-	Forest Lawn	-Murphy
Snowy Owl	Mar. 6		1-	Frewsburg	-Sundell
Barred Owl	Apr.13,27		1,2	"	- "
Long-eared Owl	" 19		1-	Forest Rd.	-Doyle,Andrle,Murphy
	" 20		1-	Tifft St.	-Mitchell et al
Short-eared Owl	" 3		1-	Forest Rd.	-Andrle
	" 6		1-	Grand Is.	-Nathan,Filor
	" 20		1-	Pt.Colborne	- " ,North et al
Saw-whet Owl	" 10		1-	Grand Island	-Doyle,Andrle
	" 13		1-	Longbeach,Ont	- " "
Whip-poor-will *	" 27	F	1-	Barcelona	-Pause,Seeber et al
	" 30		1-	Tifft St.	-Elberg
Chimney Swift *	" 30	F	4-	Frewsburg	-Sundell
	" 30			Jamestown	-Beal
Pileated Wdpkr.	" 3		1-	Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell,Lenna
	" 13		1-	Crystal beach	-Doyle,Andrke
	" 27		1-	Findley Lake	-Pause,Seeber et al
Phoebe	" 1	F	1-	Grand Island	-Verrill
	" 3		1-	Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell,Lenna
	" 4		2-	Grand Island	-Pause,Filor
Least Flycatcher *	" 26	F	1-	Cassadaga	-Stanley
Tree Swallow *	" 12	F	15-	Oak Orchard	-B.O.S. Trip
Bank " *	" 25	F	3-	Cassadaga	-Mitchel
Rough-wg." *	" 20	F	1-	Oak Orchard	- " et al
Barn " *	" 13	F		Horseshoe Lake	-Pix"ey
	" 19		3-	Frewsburg	-Sundell
Purple Martin *	" 8	F		Batavia	-Pixley
	" 11			Jamestown	-Lenna
Tufted Titmouse	" 27	L	2-	Barcelona	-Seeber,Pause et al
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 30	F	1-	Tifft St.	-Elberg
House Wren *	" 19	F	1-	Wilson	-Murphy
	" 26		1-	Jamestown	-Beal
Winter Wren	" 9	F	1-	Tifft St.	-Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	" 9		1-	Fredonia	-Wagner
Mockingbird	" 2		1-	Larkin's	-Doyle,Andrle,Murphy
	" 5		1-	Derby	-Mitchell et al
	" 1-14	L	1-	Batavia	-Pixley
Catbird	" 7		1-	Delaware Park	-Seeber
Brown Thrasher	" 18	F	1-	Tifft St.	-Doyle,Seeber
	" 23		1-	Mt.Vernon -on-the- lake-Schmall	
	" 23		1-	Forest Lawn	-Webster
Hermit Thrush	" 11	F	3-	Buffalo	-Wagner
	" 12		1-	LaSalle	-Heilborn
Bl.-Gr. Gnatcatcher *	" 26	F	3-	Grand Island	- "
	" 29		1-	Forest Lawn	-Klepfer,Seeber
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 7	F	1-	Belaware Park	-Seeber
Pipit *	" 6	F	20-	Sardinia	-Creightons
Migrant Shrike	" 8	F		Emery park	-Praemassings

Thereafter reported many times. More numerous than in recent years.

Blue headed Vireo *	" 28	F	1-	Delaware Park	-Seeber
	" 29		1-	Forest Lawn	- "
Warbling Vireo *	" 30	F	1-	Fredonia	-Stanley
Bl. & White Warbler *	" 26	F	1-	Cassadaga	- "
	" 26		1-	West Falls	-Matlock

Blue-wg. Warbler	* Apr.		1- West Falls	-Matlock
Nashville "	* " 26	F	1- Cassadaga	-Stanley
Yellow "	* " 29	F	1- Frewsburg	-Sundell
	" 30		Jamestown	-Beal
Myrtle "	* " 19	F	3- Frewsburg	-Sundell
Bl.Thr.Green Warbler	*" 26	F	1- Delaware Park	-Nathan et al
Blackburn. "	* " 16	F	1- Lasalle	-Heilborn
Pine "	* " 26	F	1- Arkwright	-Sundell
W.Palm "	* " 30	F	Horseshoe Lake	-Pixley
Hooded "	* " 6	F,13	1,1-Goat Island	-Koch
	" 7		1-Tifft St.	-Richard Rosche
Seen next days and through Apr. by many members				
Orchard Oriole	* Apr.30	F	1- Buffalo	-Praemassings
Evening Grosbeak	Mar.20		2- Frewsburg	-Sundell
	Apr.4		3-South Dayton	-Webster
	" 24,29	L	18- Frewsburg	-Sundell
Purple Finch	" 5	F	1- Derby	-Mitchell et al
	" 17		1-Batavia	-Pixley
Common Redpoll	" 9		50- West Shelby	-Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	" 12		276 - Oak Orchard	-B.O.S. Trip
	" 24	L	1- Forest Lawn	-Filor
	Feb.22 to Apr. 14		-6 Niagara Falls	-Rogerson
Pine Siskin	Apr.10		1- Wilson	-Doyle,Andrle
Goldfinch	" 25	F	1- Stockton	-Mitchell
	" 30		1- Chautauqua Lake	- "
White-wng. Crossbill	" 16	L	2- Frewsburg	-Sundell
Red-eyes Towhee	" 8	F	1- Tifft St.	-Wilson
Savannah Sparrow	* " 6	F	3- Grand Island	-Nathan Filor
Vesper "	* " 5	F	1- Oak Orchard	-Byron,Andrle
Tree "	" 24	L	1- Bird Island	-Wagner
Chipping "	* " 22	F	Mt. Vernon-on -the-lake	-Scgmall
Field "	* " 8		4- Tifft St.	-Seeber
	" 11		50- Fredonia,Dunkirk	-Wagner
White-cr. "	* " 26	F	Frenchman's creek,	Ont.-Murphy
White-thr."	" 8	F	2- Forest Lawn	-Seeber
	" 22		2-Humboldt Park	-Thorpe
Swamp Sparrow	" 12	F	4- Oak Orchard	-B.O.S. Trip
Lapland Longspur	" 12	L	12- " "	- " "
Snow Bunting	" 2		18- Buffalo harbor	-Mitchell
	" 4	L	4- " "	-Wilson

Notes

A considerable number of bird skins and mounted birds,representing the collecti of Mr. George Guelf of Brockport,N.Y. and containing many of his Western New York specimens,has been acquired by the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Nearly 100 members and guests attended the dinner at the museum on April 12 following the field trip to Oak Orchard swamp. All enjoyed Mr. Alexander Sprunt's talk on the work of the Audubon Society,particularly in the South in protecting threatened species,and many members ,following his talk, have written to the government agencies asking for a closed season on waterfowl this fall,and also asking that the Everglades area be made a National Park. There is still time for those of us have not written to do so.

In connection with our 1946 records of the Magoie at Niagara Falls,Gardiner Bump tells me that his brother-in-law,Mr.George Watson of Lewiston,had one under observation in the vicinity of his home throughout thesummer,and that he last saw it '' after Labor Day ''(which fell on September 2)

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Notes Cont'd

Rochester Bird Notes in April ,as reported by W.L.G.Edson,include Pied-billed and Horned Grebes,Black-cr. Night Heron,Whistling Swan,Green-wng. and Blue-wng. Teal,Shoveller,Coot,Wilson's Snipe,Pipit and Rusty Blackbird for the week ending Apr. 4. During the next week Ringed-neck Duck,Turkey Vulture,Mourning Dove,Kingfisher,Phoebe,Tree Swallow,Hermit Thrush,Field and Fox Sparrows were recorded. Additional migrants for the week ending Apr.18 include Bittern,Wood Duck,Osprey, Upland Plover,Red-headed Woodpecker,Sapsucker,Kingbird,Barn Swallow,Purple Martin, Catbird,Ruby-cr. Kinglet and Swamp Sparrow,while Glaucous and Iceland Gulls and Evening Grosbeak were late migrants. Among the birds seen in the week following were Red-thr. Loon,Gadwall,Florida Gallinule,House Wren, Brown Thrasher,White-thr. and Chipping Sparrows.

New England Bird Notes for February in most respects echoed the January reports- Among the stragglers were Virginia,Sora, and Clapper Rails,Black-bellied Plover,Woodcock, Sapsucker,Phoebe,4 Catbirds,Pipits,Migrant Shrike,Towhee,Field and Fox Sparrows. Several reports of large black and whit grebes, in numbers up to a flock of 12 at cape Ann,lead to a conjecture that they might be Great Crested Grebes rather than Western Grebes.

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday,June 11th. Picnic supper and meeting,Old Fort Erie,Ontario.
Meet 6 P.M. Busti Avenue side of Peace Bridge

Wednesday,June 25th Picnic supper and meeting, Beaver Island Park,Grand Island.
Meet 6 P.M. at River Road side of Grand Island Bridge

Field Trips

Saturday Morning Bird Walks. Meet 7A.M. at Windsor and Rumsey Roads,Delaware Park

Sunday,June 1st. Breeding Bird Census at Nature Sanctuary Property in Zoar Valley. Leader- Arthur C Brettle (Hamburg 1527) will meet us at the sanctuary at 9 A.M. Members will meet at front entrance of Natural Science Museum at 7 A.M.

Sunday,June 8th. Breeding Bird census,Freedom,Balsam Bog,about 1/2 mile south of Scouthaven. Leader,Robert Wagner(Am.0176). Meet at 7A.M. at Genesee St. side of City Hall.

Sunday,June 15th; Gull Island,Rockhouse Pt.Ont. Breeding bird census with the Audubon Society. Leader Harold D. Mitchell, (Un.8532). Meet 8:30 A.M. at Busti Ave. entrance of Peace Bridge. Make reservations with leader as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for boat trip.

Sunday,June 22nd: Clymer,N.Y. and vicinity. Leader John Doyle (Hu. 2048). Meet at 7 A.M. Meet at Genesee St. side of City Hall

Week -End Trip ,July 4-5-6- Bradford,Ontario,etc. with George North and his group. Leader -Bert Wright. Make reservations with Bernard Nathan(Gr.8020) Not Later than June 1st. Advise if you wish accomodations at a hotel or tourists cabin or will camp out. Cost will be nominal,depending upon the type of accomodations wished. Meals will be procured where convenient. Leave 7 A.M. Fri. July 4th. from Busti Ave. entrance to Peace Bridge. IMPORTANT: MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ONCE.

Important: Make reservations early with Winston Brockner for Hawk Mountain Trip, October 11-12-13. Phone El.6888.

AUDUBON SOCIETY EVENTS

Sunday, June 8th- Lyndonville. Meet 9A.M. Main Street & Kenmore Avenue at end of no.8 car line. To visit Mr. W.A.Smith' Sanctuary at Lyndonville. Take lunch. Leader ,Miss Eugenia Praemassing. Pa.L088.

Sunday, June 15th- Breeding Bird Census, Gull Island ,with Ornithological Society. Meet 8:30 A.M. Busti Ave. entrance to Peace Bridge. Take Lunch. Make reservations with Harold D. Mitchell, Un.8532, as early as possible so that arrangements can be made for the boat trip.

Saturday, June 21st.-South Dayton and vicinity. Meet at City Hall, Genesee Street side, at 9 A.M. Take lunch. See Cliff Swallow nesting colonies. Leader- Gertrude Webster, Li.0060. For those who can go in the afternoon only, contact Francis Tilley Li.9450 who will leave City Hall Genesee St. side at 1:30 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday-June 28,29- Cook Forest, Penn. Meet at City Hall, Genesee St. side at 1:30 P.M. Sat. June 28th. Leader-Edward C. Avery, Gr. 5828. Make reservations by May 30th.

Wednesday, July 2nd. Outdoor picnic meeting at Delaware Park. Meet 6P.M. south of boat house and rose garden near corner of Rumsey Road and Lincoln Parkway (one block from Forest Ave. and Elmwood bus line). Chairman, Miss Martha Klein.

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The Month

May was wet and cold. Precipitation totaled 4.83 inches, which is 56 per cent above normal. At the end of the month, days with precipitation totaled 126 out of 151 since the beginning of 1947, or 83 per cent as compared with normal of 68 per cent. The temperature during the first four days was temperate, but the following week saw a drop which had a marked effect on the warbler migration. Beginning at eight o'clock on the evening of the fifth, the mercury tumbled down to March levels, and did not go up where it belonged until noon on the eleventh. During this period, record lows were set almost every night; on the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth the temperature dropped below freezing, culminating in a low of 26 on the tenth. Snow fell on the seventh, eighth, and ninth. As might be expected, a few individual birds of the early migrating species appeared during the first five days, but the excessively cold nights which followed effectually stopped further movement. In studying the effect of weather on bird migration, it is always best to choose a common species whose normal migration brackets the entire period, and in this case possibly the best example is the Yellow Warbler. This is one of the earlier warbler warblers, the first one generally being reported about April 29. During the first few days of May they appeared in increasing numbers, and by the sixth or seventh they were singing throughout the streets of Buffalo. This year we had single records on April 29 and 30, and the species was just beginning to find its name in all our notebooks when the cold spell arrived. The few which were already here stuck it out, but no more came in, and it was not until the 13th that Yellow Warblers were singing commonly in our city's streets. So far as the entire warbler migration picture is concerned, the cold spell eliminated the normal "waves", and concentrated the entire warbler movement into the second half of the month, with good birding every day. From the fifteenth to the twentieth one had only to sit on his front steps to find warblers, vireos, and thrushes in abundance.

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Noteworthy Records

(c) denotes species seen on Spring Census, May 25
* denotes first record of the species for year 1947
F denotes first record of the season
L denotes last record of the season

Common Loon (c)	April	20	49	Chautauqua County	Andrle, Doyle
	May	4	14	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al

*Red-throated Loon	May 4		1	Port Colborne, Ont.	Brockner, Windsor
	23		3	Point Abino, Ont.	Doyle
Double-cr. Cormorant (c)	16		2	Wanakah	Wright
	17		1	Derby	Mitchell et al
American Bittern (c)	Apr.10	F	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Least Bittern (c)	May 16	F	1	Tifft Street	Wright
	18 et seq.		2 or more	Tifft St.	Many members
Canada Goose	5		1700	Oak Orchard Swamp	Mitchell et al
	11	L	600	Oak Orchard Swamp	Doyle, Andrle
	11	L	100	Shadigee	Somerside
Gadwall	17	L		Chautauqua Lake	McMurtry
Baldpate	24	L	4	Akron	Doyle, Andrle
Green-winged Teal	3	L	2	Langford	Brettle
Shoveller	11		2	Akron	Doyle, Andrle
	24		1	Oak Orchard Swamp	Doyle, Andrle
Redhead (c)	2		2	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Vaughan
	22		1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell et al
Ring-necked Duck	11		2	Lake LaGrange	Mitchell et al
	22	L	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Lesser Scaup Duck (c)	24			Port Colborne, Ont.	Pause et al
American Golden-eye (c)	21		5	Grand Island	Seeber
	24		20	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Pause et al
Buffle-head	12		20	Point Abino, Ont.	Doyle
	21		3	Grand Island	Seeber
	24	L	2	Port Colborne	Pause et al
White-winged Scoter	Apr.20		58	Chautauqua County	Andrle, Doyle
	May 2		5	Grand Island	Seeber
	5		1	Braddock's Bay	Mitchell et al
	11	L	2	Shadigee	Somerside
Ruddy Duck	11		1	Clarence Sinks	Doyle, Andrle
	22	L	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Hooded Merganser (c)	2		4	Beaver Island	Seeber
	4			South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
	10		3	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
Sharp-shinned Hawk (c)	3		40	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
	11		99	Port Weller, Ont.	Seeber, Filor
Cooper's Hawk (c)	3		8	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
Red-shouldered Hawk (c)	3		30	Irving	Doyle, Andrle
Broad-winged Hawk	4		14	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
	5		13	Hamlin	Mitchell
				Reported regularly in early part of month, but in moderate numbers.	
Bald Eagle (c)	22		1	Hamburg	Andrle
Osprey	3		1	Irving	Andrle, Doyle
	4		2	Irving	Mitchell et al
	8		1	Snyder	Andrle
	10		1	Irving	Andrle, Doyle
	11	L	1	Lake LaGrange	Mitchell et al
Duck Hawk (c)	3		1	Irving	Doyle
	10		1	Gowanda	Doyle, Andrle
	22	L	1	Delaware Park	Filor
Pigeon Hawk	22		1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell et al
King Rail (c)	23	F	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
*Ruddy Turnstone (c)	24	F	1	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Mitchell et al
	24	F	7	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Pause et al
	31		52	Rock House Point, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Wilson's Snipe (c)	22	L	1	Delaware Park	Filor
*Hudsonian Curlew (c)	24	F	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Mitchell et al
	24	F	24	Canadian shore	Pause et al
	27		3	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Wright
*Solitary Sandpiper (c)	18		1	Tifft Street	Wright
Greater Yellow-legs (c)	18		8	Transit Road Sinks	Andrle
*Spotted Sandpiper (c)	Apr.25	F	1	Tifft Street	Wright

*Pectoral Sandpiper	May 4	F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Windsor et al
*Least Sandpiper	15	F	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Semipalmated Sandpiper (c)	24	F	5	Windmill Point, Ont.	Nathan et al
	24	F	1	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Mitchell et al
*Sanderling	31	F	3	Rockhouse Point,Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Glaucous Gull	5	L	1	Braddock's Bay	Mitchell
Great Black-backed Gull	11		1	Lakeside	Somerside
*Black Tern (c)	11	F	1	Lake LaGrange	Mitchell et al
	30		200	Dunnville, Ont.	B.O.S. trip
*Yellow-billed Cuckoo (c)	14	F	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
*Black-billed Cuckoo (c)	10	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
Barn Owl (c)	6		1	Delaware Park	Seeber
	6		1	Chatham St.,Buffalo	Schroeder
Screech Owl (c)	10		1	Humboldt Park	Thorpe
Great Horned Owl (c)	11		1	Lakeside	Somerside
	24		1	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Pause, Nathan, Filor
Short-eared Owl	11		2	Grand Island	Seeber, Filor
Whip-poor-will (c)	30	L	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Filor
*Nighthawk (c)	19	F	1; 1	Buffalo	Wagner; Mitchell
*Ruby-thr. Hummingbird (c)	11	F	1	Port Weller, Ont.	Seeber, Filor
				Migration wave on May 15 - 17.	
Red-headed Woodpecker	4	F	1	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
*Red-bellied Woodpecker (c)	11		2	Leroy	Hazelton
*Kingbird (c)	3	F	1	Cassadaga	Stanley
	4		1	Jamestown	Beal
	4		1	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
	4		1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Windsor et al
	4		1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Crested Flycatcher (c)	2	F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
	4		1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
*Yellow-bellied Flycatcher(c)	13	F	1	Williamsville	Hickman
	22		2	Tifft Street	Mitchell
	22		1	Delaware Park	Seeber
*Alder Flycatcher (c)	16	F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Eames, Mitchell
	18		1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Wood Pewee (c)	14	F	1	Tifft Street	Webster, Wendling
Barn Swallow (c)	Apr.13	F		Wellsville	McMurtry
*Cliff Swallow (c)	May 1	F	6	South Dayton	Webster
	10		6	Gowanda	Doyle, Andrle
	11		1	Port Weller, Ont.	Seeber
Blue Jay (c)	18		1	Delaware Park	Batzell
Red-breasted Nuthatch (c)	31	L	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
				Fairly common and of general distribution during migration.	
Winter Wren (c)	10	L	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seeber
*Carolina Wren	15	F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seeber
*Prairie Marsh Wren (c)	4	F	1	Dunkirk	Praemassings et al
*Short-billed Marsh Wren (c)	4	F	1	Dunkirk	Praemassings et al
Mockingbird	March 30		1	Derby	H.H. Larkin
Catbird (c)	May 4		1	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
	5		1	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
*Wood Thrush (c)	Apr. 28	F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
				Arrived in some numbers about May 4 - 5; became more common about middle of month.	
*Olive-backed Thrush (c)	May 2	F	2	Tifft Street	Wright
				Arrived in numbers about May 11 - 15; still here in some numbers at end of month	
*Gray-cheeked Thrush (c)	12	F	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell et al
*Veery (c)	2	F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
				Attained good numbers about May 12 - 13.	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (c)	1		1	Tifft Street	Wright
	3-19		1-2	Delaware Park	Many members
	4-11		4	Dunkirk	Praemassings et al, Stanley

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (con.) (c)				
	May 4	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Windsor et al
	24	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Pause, Nathan, Filor
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22 L	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
Pipit	4 L	6	Silver Creek	Filor
Cedar Waxwing (c)	12 F	1	Niagara Falls	Heilborn
			In numbers from May 18 onward.	
*Yellow-throated Vireo (c)	2 F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell, Wright
	11	1	Lakeside	Somerside
Blue-headed Vireo (c)	22 L	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
*Red-eyed Vireo (c)	4 F	1	Zoar Valley	Brettle
			Attained good numbers about middle of month.	
*Philadelphia Vireo (c)	12 F	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
	16	1	Goat Island	Eames, Mitchell
	18	2	Fredonia	Stanley
	18	2	Tifft Street	Wright
	20-28	1	Buffalo	Seeber
	29 L	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
Warbling Vireo (c)	4	1	Evans	Wright et al
	4	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
			Attained good numbers about middle of month.	
Black & White Warbler (c)			Many reports May 1 - 5, then a lull ending about May 10; maximum numbers between May 10 and May 20.	
*Prothonotary Warbler	10 F	1	Gowanda	Doyle, Andrle
*Golden-winged Warbler (c)	11 F	1	Leroy	Mitchell et al
	15, 16	1, 1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	20	1	Batavia	Pixley
Blue-winged Warbler (c)	12	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Wheeler et al
	13	2	Gowanda	Doyle, Andrle
	18	1	Versailles	Wagner, Diem, Voltz
	23	1	near Ivory	Beal
*Brewster's Warbler (c)	23 F	1	near Ivory	Beal
*Tennessee Warbler (c)	13 F	1	North Leroy	Pixley
			Reached peak near end of month.	
Orange-crowned Warbler	13 F	1	Delaware Park	Webster
	19	2	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell
	22	1	Delaware Park	Seeber
	24	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Pause, Nathan, Filor
Nashville Warbler (c)			Migration very similar to that of Black and White Warbler; see above.	
	31 L	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	31 L	3	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
*Parula Warbler (c)	2 F	1;1	Tifft St.; Forest Lawn	Wright; Mitchell
	3	1	Buffalo	Seeber
			Maximum numbers reported between May 12 and May 24.	
	31 L	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	31 L	2	Delaware Park	Mitchell
*Magnolia Warbler (c)	4 F	1	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
			Migration reached peak from May 12 to 23; a few migrants still here at end of month.	
*Cape May Warbler (c)	12 F	1	Lasalle	Heilborn
	29 L	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
*Black-thr. Blue Warbler (c)	4 F	1	Canadian shore	Nathan
	4 F	1	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
			Maximum numbers reached between May 15 and May 24.	
	30 L	1	Clarence	Wagner

Myrtle Warbler (c)				Migration very similar to that of Black and White Warbler; see above.
Black-throated Green Warbler (c)				Migration very similar to that of Black and White Warbler; see above.
*Cerulean Warbler (c)	May 12 F	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	16	1	Delaware Park	Seeber
Blackburnian Warbler (c)	4	1	Derby	Mitchell, Savage
			Maximum numbers reached in latter part of month.	
*Chestnut-sided Warbler (c)	5 F	1	Buffalo	Seeber
			Maximum numbers reached from May 13 - 24.	
*Bay-breasted Warbler (c)	13 F	2	Tifft Street	Seeber
	13 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
			Maximum numbers reached near end of month	
*Black-poll Warbler (c)	22 F	1	Delaware Park	Seeber
Pine Warbler (c)	4	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
	10	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	13 L	1	North Leroy	Pixley
*Yellow Palm Warbler	1 F	1	Tifft Street	Wright
	3	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
	4	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Nathan et al
	4	1	South shore, L.Erie	Praemassings et al
	11 L	1	Clarence	Mitchell et al
Western Palm Warbler			Maximum numbers reached about May 12.	
*Ovenbird (c)	3 F	1	South Dayton	Webster
Northern Water-thrush (c)	3 F	1	Buffalo	Seeber
*Louisiana Water-thrush (c)	3 F	1	Versailles	Doyle, Andrle
	10	1	Tifft Street	Andrle
*Connecticut Warbler (c)	11 F	1	Lasalle	Heilborn
	17	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Seeber
	28	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	30 L	1	Clarence	Wagner
*Mourning Warbler	18 F	1	Tifft Street	Wagner, Diem, Voltz
*Northern Yellow-throat (c)	2 F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell et al
*Yellow-breasted Chat (c)	17 F	1	Fredonia	Stanley
	20	1	Chautauqua	Beal
Hooded Warbler (c)	18	4	Gowanda	Wagner, Diem, Voltz
	19	1	Batavia	Pixley
	22	1	Lincoln Park	Wagner
	23	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
*Wilson's Warbler (c)	13 F	1	Tifft Street	Wright
	14	1	Tifft Street	Webster, Wendling
	31 L	1	Buffalo	Seeber
	31 L	2	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Mitchell et al
*Canada Warbler (c)	10 F	1	Gowanda	Andrle, Doyle
	10 F	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Redstart (c)	2 F	1	Tifft Street	Mitchell
	3	1	Lincoln Park	Wendling
*Bobolink (c)	Apr.29 F		South Dayton	rep. Webster
	May 1		Meadowbrook Road	Wendling
	1		Lasalle	Heilborn
Orchard Oriole (c)	14,16	1;1	Forest Lawn Cemetery	Wheeler; Seeber
	16	1	Harris Hill	Wendling
	22	1	Delaware Park	Filor
*Baltimore Oriole (c)	12 F	5	Several areas	Several observers
Rusty Blackbird	11 L	2;6	Transit Road Sinks	Doyle & Andrle; Mitchell et al
*Scarlet Tanager (c)	12 F	5	Several areas	Several observers
*Rose-breasted Grosbeak (c)	4 F	1	Dunkirk	Praemassings et al
	11	1	Batavia	Pixley
	12		Migration wave reported	Several observers
*Indigo Bunting (c)	13 F	1	Williamsville	Hickman

Evening Grosbeak (c)	May 9	15	Jamestown	Beal
Pine Siskin (c)	16	10	Goat Island	Eames, Mitchell
	24	3	Jamestown	Beal
*Grasshopper Sparrow (c)	1 F	1	Jamestown	Beal
*Henslow's Sparrow (c)	3 F	2	South Dayton	Webster
Tree Sparrow	4 L	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Fox Sparrow (c)	13	1	Tifft Street	Seeber
*Lincoln's Sparrow (c)	15 F	1	Delaware Park	Seeber
	22	1	Delaware Park	Filor
	16 - 22	2	Tifft Street	Wright, Wagner et al
	20	2	Lincoln Park	Andrle
	23	1	Lakeside	Pixley
*Semipalmated Plover (c)	23 F	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Doyle
	24	3	Fort Erie, Ont.	Mitchell et al
*Red-backed Sandpiper	30 F	2	Canadian shore	Seeber et al

Total species to March 31, 1947 for year	120
New species for year during April	48
New species for year during May	72
Total species to May 31, 1947 for year	240

Eighteenth Annual Spring Census

May 25, 1947

Territories and Observers:

A	LeRoy, New York	Hazelton
B	Shore of L.Erie: Dunkirk to Barcelona	Rew, Glick, Burch, Becker
C	Frewsburg, Ivory, Bone Run, Falconer	Beal, Sundell, Powers, P. & R. Lenna
D	Randolph and Allegany State Park	Hiller, Parker, Hanson, Hall, Anderson
E	Grand Island, north of Whitehaven Rd.	Windsor, Almendinger, Eschelman, Cummiskeys
F	Gowanda and Zoar Valley	Brettles
G	Grand Island, south of Whitehaven Rd.	Tilley, Love
H	Youngstown, Fort Niagara, Olcott, & Wilson	Praemassings, Facklam, Knight, Rosa, & Hoyer
I	Dunnville, Ontario, marsh, and Welland River	Nathan, Pause, Filor
J	Canadian shore of Lake Erie: Welland Canal to Port Maitland, Ont.	Mitchell, Hickman, Moore, Eames, Youker
K	Shore of Lake Erie, Tifft Street to Irving	Wright
L	Delaware Park, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lincoln Park, Sheridan Drive, & Williamsville	Wendling, Madison
M	Canadian shore of Lake Erie: Fort Erie to Welland Canal	Andrle, Doyle
N	Castile	Thompson
O	Northwestern part of Orleans County	Somerside, Kratzers
P	Oak Orchard Swamp	Verrill, Meyer, Bill, Miss Brettle
Q	Akron, Tonawanda Indian Reservation	Ulrichs, Eisenhardts, Kogel, Brown
R	E. Concord, Langford, Collins Center and Springville	H. Thorpe

S	Batavia	Pixley
T	Brock's Monument, Niagara River from Niagara Falls to Niagara-on-the Lake, Lake Ontario shore to Port Weller	Seeber Murphy
U	Jacquin's Pond and vicinity	Webster
V	Leon, Conewango Valley, Cherry Creek, South Dayton	Wilson, Cohen, C. Brown Wagner, Diems
W	Cuba and Rushford Lakes, Wellsville	Vaughan
X	Bergen Swamp	Savage, Beardslee
Y	Rushford and Lime Lakes, Franklinville, Farmersville, Crystal Lake	Guest
Z	Niagara River, Fort Erie to Niagara Falls, Oak Orchard Swamp	Stanleys, Siegel, Conklin
AA	Rushford	Brockner
BB	Dunkirk and Fredonia, Cassadaga, Bear and West Mud Lakes	Crisp Marsh, Clubb, Smith
CC	Niagara River, from Centennial Park to Fort Niagara, including Hyde Park	Matlocks Schulz
DD	Yard at 54 Irving Place, Buffalo	Rogerson
EE	North Java, N.Y.	Voltz, Schneider, Joseph, Bleichfeld
FF	West Falls	Rosche
GG	Lancaster, Harris Hill	Wander
HH	Yard at 4016 Cliff St., Niagara Falls	
II	Delaware Park	
JJ	LaSalle Quarry, Buffalo	
KK	Orchard Park	

Common Loon	26	
Horned Grebe	5	I, Y
Pied-billed Grebe	22	
Double-cr. Cormorant	1	J
Great Blue Heron	164	
*American Egret	1	BB
Green Heron	38	
Black-cr. Night Heron	120	
American Bittern	61	
Least Bittern	23	
*Glossy Ibis	1	I
Mute Swan	1	BB
Mallard	39	
Black Duck	54	
Pintail	2	J
Blue-winged Teal	52	
*Wood Duck	15	
Redhead	2	B, BB
Lesser Scaup Duck	107	
Old-squaw	5	T, Z
American Golden-eye	1	J
Hooded Merganser	1	K
American Merganser	1	I
Red-breasted Merganser	42	
Turkey Vulture	21	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	
Cooper's Hawk	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	9	
Red-shouldered Hawk	8	
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Z
Bald Eagle	5	O
Marsh Hawk	39	
Duck Hawk	2	B, K
Sparrow Hawk	31	
Ruffed Grouse	14	C,F,H,U,BB
Pheasant	78	

King Rail	1	T
Virginia Rail	18	
Sora	13	
Florida Gallinule	55	
Coot	13	
Piping Plover	1	M
Semipalmated Plover	5	J, K
Killdeer	271	
*Black-bellied Plover	2	M, V
Ruddy Turnstone	7	J, M
Woodcock	8	
Wilson's Snipe	2	C, BB
Hudsonian Curlew	118	110 in J; K
Upland Plover	16	
Spotted Sandpiper	207	
Solitary Sandpiper	6	
Greater Yellow-legs	6	
Lesser Yellow-legs	22	
*White-rumped Sandpiper	1	T
Semipalmated Sandpiper	34	
Herring Gull	230	
Ring-billed Gull	430	
Bonaparte's Gull	8	
Common Tern	1,549	
Black Tern	131	
Rock Dove	71	
Mourning Dove	234	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	14	
Black-billed Cuckoo	30	
Barn Owl	1	U
Screech Owl	2	U
Great Horned Owl	14	
Barred Owl	1	C
Whip-poor-will	4	G, T, U

Nighthawk	38	
Chimney Swift	603	
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	22	
Belted Kingfisher	65	
Flicker	208	
Pileated Woodpecker	3	I, U
Red-bellied Woodpecker	5	A
Red-headed Woodpecker	288	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	C,O,Y,BB
Hairy Woodpecker	12	
Downy Woodpecker	32	
Kingbird	237	
Crested Flycatcher	114	
Phoebe	181	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	12	
Alder Flycatcher	100	
Least Flycatcher	86	
Wood Pewee	155	
*Olive-sided Flycatcher	2	M, Z
Prairie Horned Lark	31	
Tree Swallow	150	
Bank Swallow	1620	
Rough-winged Swallow	884	
Barn Swallow	839	
Cliff Swallow	278	
Purple Martin	517	
Blue Jay	88	
Crow	478	
Black-capped Chickadee	110	
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	20	
Brown Creeper	3	C, I, O
House Wren	211	
Winter Wren	1	G
Prairie Marsh Wren	83	
Short-billed Marsh Wren	4	X, BB
Catbird	525	
Brown Thrasher	11	
Robin	1866	
Wood Thrush	164	
Hermit Thrush	15	C, D, H, Y
Olive-backed Thrush	137	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	6	
Veery	203	
Bluebird	82	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	I
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	
Cedar Waxwing	140	
Migrant Shrike	5	
Starling	1801	
Yellow-throated Vireo	19	
Blue-headed Vireo	18	
Red-eyed Vireo	261	
Philadelphia Vireo	17	
Warbling Vireo	41	
Black & White Warbler	22	
Golden-winged Warbler	32	
Blue-winged Warbler	2	C, T
Brewster's Warbler	1	C
Tennessee Warbler	159	
Nashville Warbler	45	
Parula Warbler	11	
Yellow Warbler	1,175	
Magnolia Warbler	207	
Cape May Warbler	82	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	12	
Myrtle Warbler	34	
Black-thr. Green Warbler	108	
Cerulean Warbler	12	
Blackburnian Warbler	322	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	317	
Bay-breasted Warbler	457	
Black-poll Warbler	200	
Pine Warbler	7	T, U, EE
*Prairie Warbler	1	I
Western Palm Warbler	2	K, BB
Ovenbird	168	
Northern Water-thrush	30	
Louisiana Water-thrush	10	
Connecticut Warbler	1	L
Mourning Warbler	45	
Northern Yellow-throat	330	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	KK
Hooded Warbler	6	
Wilson's Warbler	29	
Canada Warbler	175	
Redstart	387	
English Sparrow	930	
Bobolink	717	
Meadowlark	324	
Red-wing	2,287	
Orchard Oriole	7	A, I, 5 in J
Baltimore Oriole	397	
Bronzed Grackle	589	
Cowbird	512	
Scarlet Tanager	146	
Cardinal	57	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	72	
Indigo Bunting	112	
Evening Grosbeak	1	BB
Purple Finch	17	
Pine Siskin	15	
Goldfinch	1,566	
Red-eyed Towhee	153	
Savannah Sparrow	254	
Grasshopper Sparrow	62	
Henslow's Sparrow	66	
Vesper Sparrow	121	
Slate-colored Junco	48	
Chipping Sparrow	403	
Field Sparrow	310	
White-crowned Sparrow	3	J, M
White-throated Sparrow	14	
Lincoln's Sparrow	6	
Swamp Sparrow	130	
Song Sparrow	1,129	

Total Species - 186

Weather conditions were exceptionally unfavorable throughout the day of the census, with temperatures varying from the middle fifties to the high sixties in different parts of the territory, with dense fog covering the Niagara River and the shores of Lake Erie throughout most of the morning, and with rain falling intermittently throughout the day, generally in the form of heavy showers. Observers who have participated in most of the Society's eighteen spring censuses were agreed that the day was generally the most disagreeable they had ever experienced for this event.

I want to thank all those who covered their territories so faithfully that day, despite the weather conditions. To the Praemassings I am particularly indebted for the many hours they spent in compiling the results of the census so that a preliminary report of the results might be given to the Society at its meeting just three days later.

William C. Vaughan

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes for May 1947, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, include Broad-winged Hawk, Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers, Iceland Gull, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Water-thrush, and White-crowned Sparrow for the week ending May 2. During the following week Crested Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Black and White, Yellow, Pine and Palm Warblers, Baltimore Oriole and Grasshopper Sparrow were among the new migrants reported. For the week ending May 16, records included Least Bittern, Pectoral, Red-backed and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, twelve species of warblers, Pine Siskin, and a late Fox Sparrow. At about 6 P.M. on May 19, in Highland Park, Dr. Atkins reported a female Summer Tanager. He brought others to the scene who knew the bird in the south and obtained their confirmation of the identification. Mr. Edson states, "It differs from the female Scarlet Tanager in being olive above instead of dull green; deep yellow below rather than yellowish, and the wings not dusky or blackish as are those of the Scarlet Tanager." During the last week of May, White-winged Scoter, Semipalmated Plover, Black-bellied Plover, and Solitary, White-rumped, Least, Red-backed and Semipalmated Sandpipers were among the migrants noted.

New England Bird Notes for March 1947 feature a flight of 800 Kittiwakes and an equal number of Great Black-backed Gulls seen from shore on Cape Ann on March 2 during a northeasterly storm. While migration was in general two weeks late, American Bittern on March 15 and Piping Plover on March 25 were the earliest records for Essex County. An Acadian Chickadee was reported from Haverhill, Mass. The Redpoll flight continued, including a large flock of 2000 birds at Concord, Mass., on the 9th. The following note is of particular interest. "Three reports of Migrant Shrikes, ranging from March 1 to 15th, have....been omitted....on the ground that field identification of Migrant Shrikes in early spring presents peculiar difficulties, perhaps not generally recognized, through the dissemination of the idea that birds with all black bill and cleaner, purer gray plumage are Migrants. Actually, on the basis of these characters alone, they are more apt to be adult Northerns in spring plumage. During this period the only certain mark of separation is the narrow black line around the forehead above the bill in the Migrant, a mark notoriously difficult to note in the field. Otherwise, one is left with the intangibles of degree of variation in size and in quality of color. Extreme caution in the identification of spring shrikes would accordingly appear to be the only course."

Harold D. Mitchell

The Sixty-fifth Meeting of the A.O.U. will be held September 8 - 12, 1947, at the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, at Toronto, Ontario. Lectures, motion pictures, and other events of general interest will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 9, 10, and 11. On Friday, September 12, there will be a field trip to Toronto Island.

Editor's Note

Effectively immediately, all records for publication in "The Prothonotary" and for inclusion in the permanent records of the Society should be sent to:

Mr. Donald J. Gamble
163 Audubon Drive
Snyder 21, New York

Donald Gamble succeeds Robert Wagner on the Statistical Committee for the handling of this work.

Records should be sent promptly at the end of the month to Mr. Gamble so that they may be compiled immediately after the beginning of the following month. Records received later than the seventh of the following month will no longer be included in "The Prothonotary" unless they are of such outstanding significance as to warrant printing in a subsequent issue.

Future Events

Field Trips:

July 4-6 Bradford, Ontario, etc. with George North. Leader Bert Wright.

Sunday, July 20 Canadian shore of Lake Erie. Leader, Robert Andrle (Pa. 1411). Meet 7 A.M. Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge.

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The Month

June gave us a few hot days and a few cold days, but for the most part it was close to normal, and as a whole was less than one degree above the average for past years. Precipitation totaled 4.01 inches, as compared with normal of 2.82, with 1.67 inches falling on the first two days. Actually, 3.95 inches fell during the first two weeks. These hard rains were of varying intensity over our territory, but in many sections resulted in very serious delay in planting. Acre upon acre of flooded fields were usually in view as one drove through the countryside. Lake Erie and the Niagara River were very high throughout the month, the breakwall opposite the Front being awash continuously. Doubtless the extremely wet season created serious difficulties for the ground nesting species during the first half of the month, but the dry weather of the latter half undoubtedly resulted in successful replacement broods. Considering the lateness of the May migration it is surprising that so few transients were reported in June.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* denotes first record of the species for year 1947
F denotes first record of season
L denotes last record of season

Common Loon	June	1		2	Canadian Shore	Doyle, Andrle
		3	L	1	Cuba Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
Red-throated Loon		1	L	4	Canadian Shore	Doyle, Andrle
Horned Grebe		1		1	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
		3	L	1	Cuba Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
Shoveler		15		2	Dunnville marsh, Ont.	Mitchell et al
Pintail					Seen throughout month in the vicinity of Gull Island, Ontario.	
		1		1	Wainfleet marsh, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Lesser Scaup Duck		1		6	Canadian Shore	Doyle, Andrle
		3	L	5	Cuba Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
Golden-eye		8	L	1	Lyndonville	Praemassings et al
Bald Eagle		14		1	Ashville	Beal
Osprey		3	L	1	Rushford Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
Virginia Rail		1		1	Wainfleet marsh, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble

Sora	June 28		1	South Dayton	Webster et al
Semipalmated Plover	7	L	1	Irving	Windsor
Ruddy Turnstone	May 31		52	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
	June 1	L	20	Canadian Shore	Doyle, Andrle
Western Willet	1		1	Point Abino, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Red-backed Sandpiper	1	L	25	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Sanderling	1	L	3	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Bonaparte's Gull	3		2	Cuba Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
Black Tern	3		12	Rushford Lake	Vaughan, Andrle
	3		18	North Cuba marsh	Vaughan, Andrle
Great Horned Owl	1		1	Wainfleet marsh, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble
Barred Owl	3		1	Wellsville	Andrle
Short-eared Owl	25		1	Grand Island	B.O.S. meeting
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1		1	Point Abino, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
	3	L	1	west of Stannards	Andrle
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	L	1	west of Stannards	Vaughan, Andrle
Short-billed Marsh Wren	4		2	west of Stannards	Vaughan, Andrle
	28		5	South Dayton	Webster et al
Migrant Shrike	7		3	Lotus Bay Road	Windsor
Black and White Warbler	20		1	Zoar Valley	Beardslee, Vaughan
Prothonotary Warbler	15,16		1	Darien	Wagner
	22		2	Darien	Wagner, Gamble
Golden-winged Warbler	5		5	Five-mile Road, south of Franklinville	Vaughan, Andrle
	5		8	Junction of Allegheny River and Tunungwant Creek	Vaughan, Andrle
	28		3	Versailles	Wright et al
Blue-winged Warbler	5		4	Five-mile Road, south of Franklinville	Vaughan, Andrle
	5		2	South Vandalia	Vaughan, Andrle
	5		1	Allegany State Park	Vaughan, Andrle
	6		1	Big Beaver Meadows	Vaughan, Andrle
	20		9	Zoar Valley	Vaughan, Beardslee
	26		1	Versailles	Wright et al
Brewster's Warbler	5		1	South Vandalia	Vaughan, Andrle
	26,28		1	female and nest at Versailles	Wright, Mitchell
Cape May Warbler	1	L	2	Point Abino, Ont.	Doyle, Andrle
Yellow-breasted Chat	through June		1	Northrup Road, Orchard Park	Wander
Blackpoll Warbler	June 1		Several	Canadian shore	Doyle, Andrle
	3	L	1	Franklinville	Vaughan, Andrle
Henslow's Sparrow	10		11	Fries Road (singing at midnight)	Beardslee
	25		30	Grand Island	B.O.S. meeting
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		6	Wainfleet marsh, Ont.	Wagner, Gamble

Total species to May 31, 1947 for year	241
New species for year during June	0
	241

Errata in issue of June 1947

Piping Plover should have been listed in the spring census as a new species for 1947, thereby bringing the total number of species seen to May 31, 1947, to 241.

Total number of individuals of Red-headed Woodpecker seen on the spring census should read 28, instead of 228, as shown on page 40 in the June issue.

The location of the 118 Hudsonian Curlews seen on the spring census, as shown on page 39 of the June issue should read "110 in I; 8 in J".

A Review of Peterson's Revised "Field Guide to the Birds"

When Roger Peterson gave us his first Field Guide in 1934, it was immediately made the object of universal praise. When the second edition appeared five years later, it was hailed as even finer. Now we have a third, very much revised, edition, which is so great an improvement that one would think that perfection had now been attained.

I have from the first admired the format of the Field Guide, and have taken great pride in the fact that the author is our fellow member and friend. But I still find, even in this third edition, enough room for improvement so that I should like, in the friendliest spirit possible, to make certain observations which have occurred to me:

1. Illustrations. Peterson's genius as an artist equips him ideally for the task of writing a guide. His pictures are the best known and most obvious feature of the book, and as guides to identification they are measurably better than even the excellent pictures of the earlier editions. That some of the paintings are poorly reproduced is a fault chargeable to the publisher. In the volume before me, the catbird is too dark, the contrast between the Olive-backed and Hermit Thrushes is too great, and many of the sparrows are too dark and are slightly blurred. I find some faults also which must be charged to the artist-author. For example, if we place a ruler across the heads of the two kinglets, the bodies appear almost identical. The chickadees below them don't quite satisfy; the Black-capped and Carolina are not gray enough, the Brown-capped not brown enough. Furthermore, they are not shaped like chickadees, and they are much too well groomed. Peterson gives his reason for not disarranging the feathers in his illustrations. This may be a generally valid explanation, but in particular cases, such as the chickadees and the Downy Woodpecker, which are always mussed up, the portrait is far from a close likeness of the live bird.

2. Field marks. The illustrations take the place of detailed description of plumage, and only the significant characters used by the experienced observer are included in the text. In this category Peterson's Guide is close to perfection. Here and there one may disagree, which does not prove him wrong, and naturally any experienced observer will find a few favorite and very valid field marks overlooked. But it is very difficult to find any serious faults, either of commission or omission, in this department.

3. Voice. Peterson says (p. xix), "These pages will attempt to treat the voices of birds only briefly.....The serious student should secure a copy of (Aretas Saunders') classic book A Guide to Bird Songs." I take exception to this point of view. An experienced observer makes his identifications by voice fully as often as by field marks. I grant that field marks are of first importance in a guide, simply because it is much easier to transfer from one mind to another an impression of shape, size, and color than it is to describe a sound or a succession of sounds. The obligation to make the best attempt possible still remains, however, because voice is of extreme importance in bird study. No one observer can hope to do a complete and competent job of voice portrayal. I say this after long experience in trying. It is true, as Peterson intimates, that Saunders excels in this field, but since his book is the result of his own work only, it leaves much to be desired, both in quality and quantity. Peterson should, I believe, go very deeply into the literature on this subject. In the light of his own extensive field experience he will be able to recognize the best voice descriptions, which, added to those of his own which also satisfy him, would be the best possible compendium . A great deal of careful work has been done on bird voice, and advantage should be taken of it in the book which is by all odds our best pocket guide. To cite only one example, I refer to the paper on "Limicoline Voices", by John T. Nichols (Auk 37: 519 ff), which is much more helpful than Peterson's notes on that group. The voice descriptions, though not bad, are still the weakest part of the Field Guide, and should be carefully improved in every future edition.

4. In the Preface (p. ix) Peterson explains that two sections, Accidentals and Subspecies, have been placed in appendices in the back of the book, and he adds, "Little else will change greatly. Periodically, then, the book can be brought up to date by revising only these sections." This amazes and disappoints me, and I hope Peterson changes his mind. The book will never have to undergo complete revision, but here and there, as he finds an opportunity to improve a portion, I very much hope he will do so. And I further hope that up until the day he dies, he will look earnestly for such opportunities. Lest what has been intended as a constructively critical analysis be misinterpreted, I hasten to add that, as it stands, "Field Guide to the Birds" is a splendid book. As one who loves good bird books as he loves his faithful binoculars, I take off my hat and make a very deep bow to Roger Peterson.

Clark S. Beardslee

Notes

Records of New England Birds for April 1947 indicates that the spring migration, retarded at the end of March, was nearly back on schedule by mid-April, following two weeks that were considerably warmer than the second half of April, when severe weather again slowed down the migration considerably. The poor numbers of ducks and their allies in March continued through April for most species, with the number of Wood Ducks down to an especially discouraging figure. Five hundred Snow Geese at Fairfield, Connecticut, were noteworthy. The migrations of hawks and the shore birds were generally encouraging as to numbers of individuals, although Killdeers were again less abundant in Massachusetts than usual. Blue-gray gnatcatchers were reported in unprecedented numbers. Rarities included twenty-three Glossy Ibises over Lynnfield marsh on April 27, a Ruff at Newburyport on April 30, Pacific Loon and Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Nantucket, European Teal in the Sudbury Valley, two Golden Eagles at Mt. Tom, and a Summer Tanager at New Britain, Connecticut.

William C. Vaughan

Rochester Bird Notes for June 1947, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, include Broad-winged Hawk, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Winter Wren, and Olive-backed, Gray-cheeked and Bicknell's Thrushes, Tennessee and Bay-breasted Warblers for the week ending June 7. Brown Creeper and a very late Blackpoll Warbler were among those reported the following week. No migratory movement was apparent in the second half of the month.

An American Egret has been seen in swampy area between Cattaraugus and Little Valley by Mr. Knoblock, and two American Egrets on the Lake Ontario shore north of Brockport by George Guelf. He had a Carolina Wren in his yard at Brockport in early August, and it may still be there now.

Harold D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Saturday evening, September 13: Our first September meeting has been changed from a picnic meeting on Wednesday, September 10 to a dinner meeting in the Museum Cafeteria on Saturday, September 13. Cost of dinner $ 1.50. More details later, but be sure to reserve date and plan to bring friends. We hope to have a large turnout of members to start off the new year of meetings! We hope to have as our guests that evening several prominent

ornithologists who will have just attended the A.O.U. meeting at Toronto that week.

Reservations must be placed with the committee for the arrangements not later than Tuesday, September 9. Reservations should be made with one of the following before that date:

Miss Eugenia Praemassing - Parkside 1088
Mrs. Axel Heilborn - Niagara Falls 32844
Mrs. Arthur Brettle - Hamburg 1527

Field Trips:

Sunday, August 10: Canadian shore of Lake Erie. Leader, John Filor (Humboldt 4476). Meet 7:30 A.M. Busti Ave. entrance to Peace Bridge.

Sat. & Sun. Aug. 23-24: Pymatuning trip. Meet Genesee St. side of City Hall at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, August 23. For transportation and hotel accommodations, notify Winston Brockner (Elmwood 6888)

Sunday, September 7: Niagara Loop. Leader, Rose Facklam (Grant 0853). Meet 8 AM, Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge.

October 11, 12 & 13: Hawk Mountain, Pa., trip. Reservations for transportation and sleeping accommodations must be forwarded promptly to Winston W. Brockner (Elmwood 6888).

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Sunday, August 17: Hamilton, Ont., and Dundas marsh. Meet 8:30 A.M., Busti Ave. entrance to Peace Bridge. Take lunch. Meet George North at Hamilton, 10:30 A.M. Leader, Harold D. Mitchell (Un. 8532).

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Outdoor picnic meeting at Delaware Park. Meet 6 P.M., south of boat house and rose garden. Plans for fall warbler census. Chairman, Miss Martha Klein.

Saturday, Sept. 6: Forest Lawn. Meet 1:30 P.M. Main St. & Delavan Avenue entrance. Early migrants. Leader, Miss Gertrude Weber (Ga. 0915).

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The Month

July was cold and wet. Bureau statistics are rather misleading. Mean temperature was given as 68.6 degrees against normal of 70.0, while precipitation was 3.54 inches, compared with normal of 3.03. in all probably, if the Weather Bureau were still located in downtown Buffalo near the lake, a considerably greater contrast in temperature would have been noted. And during the summer months, precipitation so often takes the form of local storms that the record for the airport can scarcely be relied upon to represent the entire area. For examples, a heavy thunderstorm over the Kensington-Bailey business district on the 16th flooded some stores to the tops of counters, and severe floods occured on the 22nd at Silver Creek and southwestward along the lake. The Niagara Hudson Company recorded 766 cloud-to-ground lightning strokes during the month. The high water in the Great Lakes continued throughout the month, and adversely affected our shore bird records, which were fewer and later than usual.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* denotes first record of the species for year 1947
F denotes first record of season
L denotes last record of season

Common Loon	June 25-30	1	Dewittville	Sundell
Red-thr.Loon	" 25-30	4	Dewittville	Sundell
Pied-billed Grebe	July 27	3,2Y	Dunnville,Ont	Brockner
L east Bittern	May 14 F	1	Outlet	Hiler
	July 27	6,4Y	Dunnville,Ont.	Brockner
Mute Swan	" 30	1	Lily Dale	Mitchell
Red-br. Merganser	" 12	1	Mohawk Pt.,Ont.	Bourne
	" 27,31	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	Mitchell et al
	" 28	2	Long Beach,Ont.	Bourne
Turkey Vulture	" 1	1	No. Tonawanda	Bourne
Bald Eagle	June 14	1	Ashville	Beal
	July 4	2	Hamburg	Bourne
	" 23	1	Little Valley	(Dr.Knobloch) rep.Weierheiser
Osprey	June 8	1	Levant	Parker et al
Sparrow Hawk	July 27	6,4Y	Port Maitland,Ont.	Brockner
Ruffed Grouse	" 13	2(1 Y flying)	Zoar Valley	Brockner

Semipalm.Plover	July 27 F	3	Canadian Shore	Mitchell et al
Black-bell,Plover	" 31 F	4	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Mitchell,Wright
Solitary Sandpiper	" 30	2	Hamburg	Bourne
Lesser Yellowlegs	" 12 F	1	Morgan's Pt.,Ont,	Bourne
	" 15	2	No.Tonawanda	Bourne
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 30F	11	Hamburg	Bourne
Baird's Sandpiper	" 28 F	2	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	Bourne
Least Sandpiper	" 16 F	2	Depew	Bourne
	" 27	16	Yacht Harbpr,Ont.	Brockner
	" 27	25	Canadian Shore	Mitchell
Stilt Sandpiper	" 27 F	2	Rock House Pt.,Ont	Mitchell
E. Dowitcher	" 15 F	2	No. Tonawanda	Bourne
	" 22	1	Tonawanda	Bourne
	" 31	2	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Semipalm. Sandpiper	" 27 F	50	Yacht Harbor,Ont.	Brockner
	" 27 F	160	Can. Shore	Mitchell et al
Western Sandpiper	" 27 F	1	Ft. Erie,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Sanderling	" 27 F	4	Can. Shore	Mitchell et al
	" 28	4	Morgan's Pt.,Ont.	Bourne
Bonaparte's Gull	" 8	1 adult (first)	Ft. of Porter Ave.	Bourne
Black Tern	" 27	90	Ft. Erie,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Barn Owl	May 10	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Whip-poor-will	July 19	1	Chestnut Ridge	Bourne
Nighthawk	May 15 F	1	Jamestown	Sundell
Tennessee Warbler	June 8 L	2	Barcelona	Sundell
Orange-cr. Warbler	May 10 F	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Cape May Warbler	" 31 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Blackpoll Warbler	June 8 L	1	Dunkirk	Parker et al
Bobolink	July 27	22	(molting)Dunnville,Ont.	Brockner
	" 31	60	Rock House Pt.,Ont.	Mitchell et al
Baltimore Oriole	May 1 F	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Evening Grosbeak	" 5,6,9,11	18-3	Frewsburg	Sundell
White-thr.Sparrow	June 8	4	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell

Breeding Bird Census

Wm.P.Alexander Sanctuary — Area-110 acres — June 1,1947

2nd census-(one also in 1946)

1 .4 Ruffed Grouse (1drumming) N10Y
2 .1 Spotted Sandpiper
3. 2 Yellow billed Cuckoo-S
4. 3 Black billed Cuckoo -S
5. 1 Great Horned Owl N (empty)
6. 1 Ruby Throated Humming Bird
7. 1 Belted Kingfisher
8. 2 Flicker -S-
9. 3 Crested Flycatcher- S
10. 1 Phoebe -S
11. 1 Yellow-bellFlycatcher(may be Mig)
12. 2 Least Flycatcher -S
13. 5 Wood Pewee - S
14. 1 Blue Jay -S - N
15. 15 Crow - S
16. 5 Black-cap. Chickadee -S
17. 1 White-br. Nuthatch - S
18. 1 Red-br. Nuthatch - S
19. 2 House Wren -S
20. 2 Catbird - S
21. 4 Robin S-N 4Y & N1E
22. 5 Wood Thrush S- N1E
23. 8 Veery -S -N3E & N1E
24. 1 Bluebird -S
25. 25 Cedar Waxwing
26. 1 Blue-headed Vireo - S
27. 13 Red-eyed Vireo - S - N1E
28. 6 Black & White Warbler - S
29. 1 Golden-winged Warbler - S
30. 11 Blue-winged Warbler -S
31. 1 Nashville Warbler -S -N5E
32. 1 Yellow Warbler -S
33. 1 Magnolia Warbler - S
34. 7 Black-thr. Green Warbler - S
35. 4 Blackburnian Warbler -S
36. 8 Chestnut-sided Warbler - S
37. 11 Ovenbird - S
38. 3 Mourning Warbler - S
39. 3 Northern Yellowthroat -S
40. 2 Hooded Warbler - S
41. 2 Canada Warbler - S

42. 5 Redstart - S
43. 4 Baltimore Oriole - S
44. 1 Cowbird - S
45. 6 Scarlet Tanager - S
46. 1 Cardinal - S
47. 3 Rose-br. Grosbeak-S- N3E
48. 4 Indigo Bunting - S
49. 1 Goldfinch -S
50. 3 Redeyed Towhee - S
51. 3 Slate-colored Junco - S
52. 8 Field Sparrow -S-2N4E, N3E, N2E
53. 6 Song Sparrow - S

Balsam Bog-Freedom,N.Y. Area-about 100 acres June 8,1947

First census in this territory

1. 1Red-tailed Hawk
2. Ruffed Grouse
3. Flicker
4. Hairy Woodpecker
5. Yellow-bell.Sapsucker
6. Crested Flycatcher
7 Wood Pewee
8. Blue Jay
9. Crow
10. Chickadee
11. House Wren
12. Catbird
13. Brown Thrasher
14. Robin
15. Wood Thrush
16. Veery
17. Olive-bk. Thrush
18. Blue-hd. Vireo
19. Red-eyed Vireo
20. Magnolia Warbler
21. Black-thr. Green Warbler
22. Blackburnian Warbler
23. Chestnut-sd. Warbler
24. Overbird
25. No. Water Thrush
26. Mourning Warbler
27. No. Water Thrush
28. Hooded Warbler
29. Canada Warbler
30. Redstart
31. Baltimore Oriole
32. Cowbird
33. Scarlet Tanager
34. Rose-br. Grosbeak
35. Indigo Bunting
36. Towhee
37. Junco
38. Song Sparrow

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes for July, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, mention the reestablishment of the Pileated Woodpecker in the wooded area at the end of Honeoye Lake. We wish that the same comment might be made regarding many other areas in western New York. It was not until the last week of the month that such shore bird migrants as Solitary Sandpiper and Lesser Yellow-legs were reported, and the first American Egret appeared , to be followed ,we hope ,by many more.

The Gull Island Breeding Bird Census originally scheduled for June 15,1947,was held on June 29, when 28 members and guests participated. We found an estimated 1300 to 1500 nests of the Common Tern, 5 nests of the Herring Gull and 9 of the Ring-billed Gull. Many eggs were found in Windrows where the storms in early June had washed over the nests. Our boatman, Stanley Franklin, who had visited the island 3 to 4 weeks previously, reported 12 nests of the Herring Gull and about 60 nests of the Ring-billed Gull at that time. He stated that many of the latter were built to the south and west of the lighthouse , where none remained at the time of our visit.

Beside the above species, a few young Redwings were seen, and we believe that Spotted Sandpiper and Song Sparrow nested, and very likely both Pintail and Mallard had nested or would nest later, as the high water may well have destroyed earlier nests. The water height this year exceeded any previous record made when visited the island.

Two juvenile Herring Gulls were banded and 9 adults and 28 juvenile Common Tern. None of the Ringed-billed Gulls were large enough to allow for banding.

H.D.Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings:

Dinner meeting - Saturday evening, September 13 at 6:45 PM, Cafeteria, Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Parkway, following field trip to Akron and Oak Orchard areas. Roger Tory Peterson will be one of our guests that day. Meet 1 PM Main St. at Kenmore Ave. Leader Wm.C.Vaughan, Parkside o384. Reservations for dinner must be made by Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the latest. Come to the meeting in field clothes. cost of dinner $ 1.50. Make dinner reservations promptly with one of the f following- Miss Eugenia Praemassing, 87 Linden Ave., Buffalo-14 (Pa 1088)
Mrs. Arthur Brettle, Hamburg 1527
Mrs Axel Heilborn, Niagara Falls 3-2844
Let us have a good turnout of members and friends to start off the new year of meetings!

Wednesday, September 24th: Detailed report of 1947 Nesting Season in Western New York, by Edward L. Seeber; report on the Ruffed Grouse population by James Creighton. 8 PM Humboldt room , Museum.

Field Trips

Sunday ,September 7th Niagara Loop. Leader ,Rose Facklam (Gr. 0853) Meet 8 AM Busti Ave. side of Peace Bridge.

SATURDAY, September 13th: Meet 1 PM at Main City line and Kenmore Ave., east side of Main St. Field trip to Akron and Oak Orchard with guests from the A.O.U. meeting. Dinner at museum cafeteria at 6:45 PM in field clothes. Leader, Wm. C. Vaughan.

Week-end trip -Oct.11,12,13. Hawk Mountain, Pa. Leader, Winston Brockner (El. 6888) Make reservations at once.

Saturday MORNING BIRD WALKS: Starting September 6th. Meet 7 AM at Windsor and Rumsey Roads, Delaware Park.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd: Outdoor picnic meeting at Delaware Park. Meet 6 PM south of boat house and rose garden. Plans for warbler census. Chairman, Miss Martha Klain.

Saturday ,Sept. 6th. Forest Lawn. Meet 1:30 PM Main St. and Delavan Ave. entrance. Early migrants. Leader, Miss Gertrude Weber.(Ga. 0915)

Sunday, Sept. 14th. Fall Warbler Census . Call Census leader, Edward Seeber, 186 Wabash Ave, Kenmore.(Ri.8739) for assignments. Take lunch. After census meet 7 PM for dinner at " The Island ", Union Road and Clinton St., when complete census results will be compiled.

Sunday, Sept.28th: Niagara River to Grand Island. Meet at 9 AM at Niagara and Ferry Streets. Take lunch. Gulls, Terns, late bird migrants. Leader, Harold D. Mitchell. Un.8532.

Wednesday, Oct.1st. First Fall Meeting at Museum of Science. Meet 8 PM. Bird pictures. -Winston Brockner.

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The Month

It is strange how often the weather pattern follows the divisions of the calendar. Thus July was cold and wet, while August was hot and dry. Actually, the transition came during the morning of August 2nd. Thereafter not a single day for the duration of the month was below normal in temperature, and after setting new high marks on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 24th and 25th, the month ended with the distinction of having been the hottest August on record. Precipitation totaled 1.80 inches as compared with normal of 3.08 inches, and most of the days were sunny and muggy. With such intensely warm weather, there was no incentive for warblers to initiate their southward migration, and no movement of the kind was reported by any of our observers. Why the Silver Gull and the flock of Snow Buntings chose the middle of the hottest August on record to invade our territory is beyond my imagination. Either the birds were bright and I am dumb, or vice versa. At any rate, there stand two of the most interesting records we have had in a long time, supported in the one case by a specimen, in the other by the word of one of the oldest and most trustworthy observers in the state.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Double-Cr.Cormorant	Aug.16 F	14	V Flight over Snyder	Gamble
Amer. Egret	throughout	June 1	Oak Orchard	Madison
	"	July 2	" "	Madison, Covey
	Aug. 3	3	" "	Madison, Covey et al
	Aug.2-12	2,4	Brockport	Guelf
	" 26	17	Buck's Pond and vic.	Klonick
Gadwall	" 30	2	Rockhouse Point,Ont.	Wright
Blue-Winged Teal	" 30	50	" " " "	Wright
Shoveler	" 30	5	" " " "	Wright
Wood Duck	" 6	2	Eclipse Plumage,Niagara Gorge	- Andrle
Lesser Scaup	" 6 and later	-1-	Niagara Gorge	Andrle et al
Amer. Goldeneye	" 6 and later	-2-	" "	Andrle et al
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 29	1	Delaware Park	Mitchell
Bald Eagle	" 1-2	1,2	Brockton	Sundell
	" 3	3	Ripley	Mitchell et al
	" 24	1	Oak Orchard	Andrle, Filor
Duck Hawk	" 14	1	Near Buffalo City Hall,	Savage
Black-Bellied Plover	" 7	50	Rockhouse Point,Ont.	Wright
		52		

Ruddy Turnstone	Aug. 5 F	2	Long Beach, Ont.	Bourne
Wilson's Snipe	July 16	2	Dewittville	Sundell
Knot	Aug. 5 F	1	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Bourne
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 2	15	Brockton	Sundell
	" 22	2	Tifft St.	Andrle
	" 26	7	" "	Andrle
Baird's Sandpiper	" 5	2	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Bourne
	" 24	1	Tonawanda	Nathan
Stilt Sandpiper	" 5	2	Morgan's Point, Ont.	Bourne
Western Sandpiper	" 5	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Bourne
	" 23	1	American Shore	Mitchell et al
Red Phalarope	" 31	2	Niagara Gorge	Nathan

Silver Gull (subsp.?) A new species for North America. It was seen at the mouth of the Genesee River on August 17th by Howard Miller. Collected on August 30th by William C. Dilger.

Gt.Horned Owl	Aug. 11	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Yellow-B. Flycatcher	" 29 F	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Blue Jay	" 30	1	Crescent Ave.	Mitchell
Carolina Wren	" 2-12	1	Brockport	Guelf
Mockingbird	July 5	1	Dewittville	Sundell
Nashville Warbler	Aug. 29	1	LaSalle Ave.	Rosche
Parula "	" 9(F)	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Blackpoll "	" 26 (F)	1	"	"
No.Water-thrush	" 18 (F)	1	No.Forest Rd.	Gamble
La. " "	" 9,10 (L)	1,1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Orchard Oriole	" 24 L	1	Buckhorn Isl.	Nathan
Yellow-br. Chat	July 31	1	Water Valley	Bourne
Purple Finch	Aug. 23	2	Hamburg	Bourne
Grasshopper Sparrow	" 14 L	1	Cassadaga	Beardsloe
Henslow's Sparrow	" 25 L	1	Amherst	Andrle
White-thr.Sparrow	" 24	1	Jamestown	Sundell
Snow Bunting	" 15 F	10	Chili	Short

This record is utterly unprecedented in this region.

TERN COLONY IN BUFFALO HARBOR

On July 13th a short trip by boat was made to the tern-nesting colony on Donnelly's Pier. This pier, which is really the north breakwater of Buffalo Harbor, is about one-half mile long and lies almost a mile west of Erie Basin at the foot of Genesee Street. On the landward side of the northwesterly end of the breakwater is a more or less flattened semi-circular sandy, rocky, and gravelly projection approximately one hundred fifty yards long and fifty wide at the maximum. There is a small pond in this sandspit bordering the breakwall, making the whole area look somewhat like a very flattened half life-preserver, with the ends attached to the wall. There is no vegetation, except for small weeds, never over one and a half feet high, which grow more or less thickly on parts of the area, especially around the pond. The beach slopes rather sharply up from the shoreline and then levels off, gradually inclining down to the pond and the breakwater. The whole situation seems ideal for a tern colony except that with high winds the waves come over the breakwater and destroy eggs and young nearest to the wall. We determined the average number of nests to be seven for every hundred square feet, with a maximum of fifteen, and the total number to be about eighteen hundred nests. Not many dead, young birds were seen, but most nests contained eggs rather than young. We estimated that about five thousand adult birds with some young of the year were in the immediate area. In the scant two hours we were there, we banded 144 young terns of varying sizes, including a few which could just fly. The whole scene gave the impression of a very successful nesting season in progress.

Robert F. Andrle
Harold D. Mitchell

PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS AT ALDEN

It was the evening of June 16th. I was hiking through wooded country one mile inside Genesee County, only a short distance from Alden. The woods was composed of tall maple and beech, which towered over hemlocks and saplings. The song of a veery glided through their columns, while high overhead an invisible Cerulean Warbler sang from lofty sprays. Clear, almost mellow, notes issued from low maple foliage where a Hooded Warbler foraged about. But now a clearing loomed ahead; trees shrunk to saplings and shrubs, while Field Sparrows displaced Redstarts and Vireos. Beyond the clearing and bordering a pasture was a rather unique willow pond, a miniature of similar but far more extensive areas to be found in Oak Orchard and Bergen Swamps. Darkness was filtering in; dead and decaying willow stumps cast long, black shadows over the water's dark, placid surface, broken only where a fading sun had shattered light reflections. Rising high over all were several large cottonwoods, their leaves shimmering like the stands of aspen along one margin of the pond. From a remote corner a shaky trill rang out and the warm glow of a Prothonotary Warbler flitted over the water to perch on a nearby twig.

A week later I returned with Don Gamble in an unsuccessful attempt to find a nest. Our efforts were rewarded only by a fleeting glimpse of a female bird as she perched near the male for a few seconds.

Robert Wagner

NOTES

On August 3rd, a new project was instigated through the Research Committee. Several members, working singly or in pairs, walked the northern shoreline of Lake Erie from the Peace Bridge to Mohawk Point, each person walking about seven miles.

The location and direction of each sandpiper and plover were plotted on outline maps. A total of 2637 shorebirds of 13 species was tabulated in the 48 mile strip, an average density of 54.9 birds per mile. Two Western and seven Baird's Sandpipers as well as eight Knots, are included in the above totals.

Similar projects carried out in the next few years are necessary before the data obtained can be expanded, and the conclusions derived so far, can be verified. The Research Committee hopes that next year more observers will be available and that the entire shore to the mouth of the Grand River can be covered.

E. J. Seeber

Rochester Bird Notes for August, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, show little migratory movement among the land birds during the unusually hot month, a Northern Water-thrush the second week and a Pine Warbler at the end of the month being the only indications of a southward movement. However, among the waterbirds, there were many interesting records, as thirteen species of shorebirds, including Golden Plover and a very early Red-Backed Sandpiper, as well as Common Loon and Caspian Tern, were seen in the week ending August 15th, and many American Egrets west of Rochester near Lake Ontario shore late in the month.

The outstanding record of the month was that of an exotic gull first seen on the pier at Summerville on the 17th by Howard Miller, Hugh Schaeffer and L. H. Paul, and thought to be a slender-billed gull, a native of the Mediterranean area. It was collected on the 30th at the same place by William C. Dilger of the Rochester Museum and is apparently one of the races of the Silver Gull, Larus novahollandia, which may have originated either in Africa or in the New Zealand or the Australian region, depending on the subspecies. Comparisons will have to be made with

specimens to determine its subspecific status. The possibility of its escape from a zoo or aviary is also under investigation, as a number of birds of this species are known to have been in captivity in this country.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings:

Wednesday, October 8th: Election of Officers and Annual Meeting; Plans for Fall Duck Census by Heather Thorpe, Census Leader. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, October 22nd: Report on the 1947 A.O.U. Meeting at Toronto by Harold D. Mitchell; Results of the Fall Duck Census by Heather Thorpe, Census Leader. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Field Trips:

Week-end Trip, October 11-12-13: Hawk Mountain, Winston Brockner, Leader (El.6888) Leave Main City Line, end of No. 8 car-line at 6 P.M. on Friday, October 10th. Will start out Route 5. Headquarters at Orwigsburg, Pa. Rooms $1.50 per night. As it is apt to be pretty chilly on the mountain in the early morning, bring warm clothing.

Sunday, October 19th: Fall Duck Census, Heather Thorpe, Leader. (Hu.5270 or Gr.4100)

BUFFALO AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 1st: First Fall Meeting at Museum of Science, 8 P.M. Bird pictures by Winston Brockner.

Saturday, November 1st: Meet 1 P.M. Corner Niagara Street and Porter Avenue - North Harbor - Canadian Shore - Ducks, late migrants. Leader, Wm. H. Almendinger. (Wa.5136)

Sunday, November 23rd: First Audubon Screen Tour Lecture - Creation, by Tom and Arlene Hadley. Buffalo Museum of Science, 3 P.M.

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Summer remained with us right up to the autumnal equinox. The first twenty-one days of September averaged 8.3 degrees warmer than normal, with highs in the eighties on all except four days in that period. The mercury reached 91 on the 6th and 88 on the 7th, and set new records on the 9th, 11th, and 13th. At 7 o'clock on the evening of the 21st, rain started to fall, bringing the mercury down from 80 to 56 in two hours. The following day the temperature continued to go down, though more slowly, finally reaching 39 by midnight; and in the early hours of the 23rd it was 32 in Buffalo, and a few degrees below freezing in the surrounding country areas. There was a heavy frost everywhere, and a killing frost in some districts, the earliest of record. The last nine days of the month averaged 9.5 degrees below normal, setting new low records on the 22nd, 23rd, 27th and 28th. By contrast with the first three weeks, the period seemed chilly indeed. The warbler migration, which had continued lazy until the middle of the month, when it began to pick up momentum, was further accelerated by the cold. Naturally the warbler dates below do not reflect the weather conditions very well, since a few individuals of most species had been reported early in the month. But I urge all readers to study the entire list of Noteworthy Records with the month's weather pattern in mind. Many of the reports will take on an added interest. Observe how the ducks arrived and the Black Terns departed. How did the Ospreys know it was going to turn cold? Or didn't they? These are only a few of the interesting points which emerge.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

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F--- denotes first record for season
L--- denotes last record for season

Common Loon	Sept. 1 F	1	Over Jamestown	Rep. Sundell
" "	" 2	9	Bird Island	Andrle
American Egret	Aug.8-Sept.21	1	Mud Lake, Welland Co., Ont.	Mrs. Selby
" "	Sept.4,6	4	Oak Orchard	Covey, Mitchell
" "	" 30 L	1	Stilson's Pond, E.Randolph	Holt, rep. Prof. Alexander
Canada Goose	" 4 F	30	Oakfield	Sanford, rep. Covey
" "	" 8	34	Main St. & Forest Rd.	Pause
Baldpate	" 28 F	10	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al

Pintail	Sept. 6 F	1	Akron	Mitchell
"	" 20	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Nathan
Green-winged Teal	" 1 F	2	Dunnville Marsh	Andrle, et al
" " "	" 4	25	Oak Orchard	Covey
Wood Duck	" 28	12	Kent Switch	Webster
Red-Head	" 28 F	3	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al
L. Scaup Duck	" 28 F	55	" "	" " "
* Surf Scoter	" 28 F	1	Bird Island	" " "
Hooded Merganser	" 28 F	2	Burntship Creek	" " "
Osprey	" 17	1	Rushford Lake	Drobitz
"	" 20	3	Delaware Park L.	Mitchell
"	" 21	1	Rushford	Drobitz
"	" 21	4	Cattaraugus Co.	Sundell, Van Wyy
"	" 21	3	E. Pembroke	Pause
* Golden Plover	Sept. 9 F	18	Wende	Bourne
" "	"13	1	LaSalle Quarry	Andrle, et al
" "	" 21,28	1	Ransom Rd.	Nathan, Seeber et al
Upland Plover	" 7 L	3	No. of Ridgeway	Facklam, et al
Solitary Sandpiper	All Month	1-3	LaSalle Quarry	Andrle, et al
Knot	Sept. 27	1	Canadian Shore	Facklam
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 20,21,26	1	LaSalle Quarry	Mitchell, Roscho
Baird's "	" 4	1	" "	Andrle
" "	" 25	3	Breakwall	Filer
Least "	" 25 L	2	"	"
Red-Backed "	" 24 F	2	Tonawanda Pond	"
Stilt "	" 23-30	1	" "	"
Western "	" 7	3	Crystal Beach	Facklam
" "	" 25	2	Breakwall	Filer
* Northern Phalarope	" 1 F	1	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, et al
Gt.Blk.Backed Gull	" 29 F	1	Goat Island	Mitchell
* Franklin's Gull	" 23 F	1	Bird Island	Andrle
* Little Gull	" 2 F	1	Bird Isl.,Int.Rwy.Br.	Mitchell, Andrle
" "	" 25	1	" " " " "	Filer
Forster's Tern	" 27	1	Buffalo Harbor	Nathan
Black Tern	" 2	4500	Peace Bridge	Mitchell
" "	" 25	1000	" "	Filer
" "	" 27	1	Oak Orchard	Brockner, et al
" "	" 29	3	Bird Island	Mitchell
Barn Owl	Sept. 21	1	E. Pembroke	Pause
Saw-whet Owl	June 21	1	Dayton	Pause
Whip-poor-Will	Sept. 20	1	Buffalo	Zollisch,rep.Ulrich
Nighthawk	" 5	110	Crescent Ave.,Buffalo	Mitchell
"	" 5	240	Over Buffalo	Nathan
Chimney Swift	" 21	500	Roosting in Chimney,Dunkirk	-Brockner, et al
" "	" 23	150	Bird Isl.	Andrle
" "	" 28	20	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
" "	" 28	1	Frewsburg	Beal, Sundell
Hummingbird	" 2	30 in flock	-Jamestown	Rep.Sundell
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	" 26 F	1	Jamestown	" "
" "	"	1	Chooktowaga	James, et al
Kingbird	" 13 L	1	Oak Orchard	B.O.S.
Crested Flycatcher	" 27 L	1	Jamestown	Sundell, Lenna
Yellow-b. "	" 20 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell, Eames
Least "	" 26	3	Jamestown	Sundell
" "	" 30 L	1	Eggert Rd.,Chooktowaga	Seeber
Brown Creeper	" 28 F	1	Frewsburg	Beal, Sundell
Winter Wren	" 27 F	1	Jamestown	Sundell
Carolina "	" 1	1	Rose Hill, Ont.	Facklam, Axtells
" "	" 7	2	" " "	" et al
Short-b.Marsh Wren	" 27 L	1	Field near Stafford's Pond	Brockner et al

Wood Thrush	Sept. 28		1	Letchworth Park	Brockner et al
Olive-b. "	"	1 F	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell, Eames
Gray-ch. "	"	20 F	1	" "	Nathan
Veery	"	20 L	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell
"	"	20 L	1	Buffalo	Brockner
"	"	20 L	1	Humboldt Park	Thorpe
Golden-cr.Kinglet	"	27 F	3	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Pipit	"	21 F	1	Ransom Rd.	Seeber, Nathan
"	"	27	31	E. Pembroke	Brockner, et al
"	"	28	50	Grand Isl.	Mitchell, et al
Yellow-thr.Vireo	""	14 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Red-eyed "	"	27 L	1	Woodlawn	Mitchell
Philadelphia "	"	20 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Warbling "	"	20 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Bl.& Wh.Warbler	"	27	2	" "	"
Orange-Cr. "	"	20 F	1	" "	"
" " "	"	27	2	Forest Lawn	"
Parula "	"	20	2	Tifft St.	"
Tennessee "	"20F, 28		2	Waterfront	Mitchell et al
Magnolia "	"	1 F	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell, Eames
" "	"	27 L	3	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Cape May Warbler	"	6 F	1	Bird Island	Nathan
Bl.-thr.Bl. "	"	14 F	1	Lincoln Park	Roscho
Myrtle Warbler	"	28 F	2	Kent Switch,So.Dayton	Webster
Blackburnian Warbler	"	4 F	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
" "	"	28 L?	1	Kent Switch,So.Dayton	Webster
Bay-br. "	"	1 F	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell, Eames
W.Palm Warbler	"	14 F	3	Frewsburg	Sundell
Ovenbird	"	1 F	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Conn. Warbler	"	14 F	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Hooded Warbler	"	21	1	Barcelona	Brockner et al
" "	"	28 L	1	Frewsburg	Beal, Sundell
Wilson's "	"	20	1	Tifft St.	Thorpe,Eames,Mitchell
" "	"	22	1	LaSalle Quarry	Roscho
Canada Warbler	"	20 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell,Eames
Redstart	"	27 L	1	Woodlawn	Mitchell
Bobolink	"	27 L	1	Frewsburg (flew over)	Sundell
Baltimore Oriole	"	14 L	1	"	"
Scarlet Tanager	"	21 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
Indigo Bunting	"	28 L	1	Grand Isl.	Mitchell et al
Purple Finch	"	27	1	Cheektowaga	James et al
Wh.-thr.Sparrow	"	26 F		Cheektowaga	James et al
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	6 F	1	Bird Island	Nathan

Fall Warbler Count, Sept. 14, 1947

AREAS COVERED:

A - Tifft St. & vicinity — Wm. Almondinger
B - Lincoln Park & vicinity — Richard Roscho
C - Delaware Park,Forest Lawn & LaSalle Quarry-H.D.Mitchell, James Youker
D - Grand Island, South Half — Francis Tilley, H. Ebel
E - Niagara River,Front Pk.to Sheridan Drive-Dr.& Mrs. J. Chapin, Wm. Vaughan
F - Tonawanda to Niagara Falls,Brock's Mt.to Port Weller -H.Thorpe,R.Drobitz,J.Filer, R. Wagner
G - Canadian Shore-Niag.Falls to Ft.Erie to Pt.Colbourne/ /E.Seeber,R.Weigel,L.Murphy
H - " " Port Colbourne to Dunnville - Dr.H.Axtell,G.North, B. Nathan
I - Cliff St.,Niagara Falls — Wheeler, Rogerson
J - Harris Hill & vicinity — D. Gamble
K - Zoar Valley Region — R. Wilson, G. & H. Guenther
L - Two-Mile Creek,Tonawanda & Whitechapel Com.-A.& Ed.Ulrich, Mary Brown

In the following text, letters following the species refer to the territories where they were observed:

Pied-b. Grebe 14; Great Blue Heron 25; Green Heron 8; Black-cr.Night Heron 14; Amer. Bittern 4, E.H.; Least Bittern 1, H.; Mallard 16; Black Duck 44; Baldpate 16, H.; Pintail 4, H.; Green-w.Teal 10, H.; Blue-w.Teal 251; Wood Duck 5, H.F; Amer.Goldeneye 1, G; Hooded Merganser 1, G; Amer. Merganser 3, F; Red-br. Merganser 1,H; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1,G; Cooper's Hawk 1,G; Red-tailed Hawk 2, K,F; Bald Eagle 2, H; Marsh Hawk 12, D,H,F; Sparrow Hawk 11; Ring-n.Pheasant 26; Virginia Rail 3, A,G; Sora Rail 3, C,H; Florida Gallinule 47, A,H; Coot 2, H; Semi-p.Plover 20; Killdeer 195; Golden Plover 2, C.G; Woodcock 2, B,D; Wilson's Snipe 2 F,H;Spotted Sandpiper 11; Solitary Sandpiper 12; Gt.Yellow-legs 5, C,H,L; Yellow-legs 13; Pectoral Sandpiper 2,F.H.; White-rumped Sandpiper 1,G; Baird's Sandpiper 2, H in G,L; Least Sandpiper 2,H in G; Semi-p.Sandpiper 5 C,G; Western Sandpiper 2,G; Sanderling 25, G; Herring Gull 204; Ring-b. Gull 1452; Bonaparte's Gull 4901; Common Tern 605; Black Tern 2575; Mourning Dove 100; Yellow-b.Cuckoo 5, G,H,I; Black-b.Cuckoo 2, C,G; Screech Owl 1 (Humboldt Pk.) Chimney Swift 26; Hummingbird 8; B.Kingfisher 16; Flicker 90; Red-headed Woodpecker 5, D,F; Hairy Woodpecker 1,I; Downy Woodpecker 11; Kingbird 5,G; Crested Flycatcher 1,J; Phoebe 18; Yellow-b. Flycatcher 4, B,C; Least Flycatcher 9; Wood Pewee 30; Pr.Horned Lark 14; Tree Swallow 2,H; Bank Swallow 3,G,H; Rough-w.Swallow 35; Barn Swallow 27; Purple Martin 315, D,G; Blue Jay 17; Crow 96; Bl.c.Chickadee 42; W.Br.Nuthatch 6,F,K; Red-Br.Nuthatch 1,K; House Wren 18; Pr.Marsh Wren 7, A,G,H; Short-b. Marsh Wren 2,D; Catbird 49; Robin 329; Wood Thrush 3, F,G,I; Hermit Thrush 2,A; Olive-b.Thrush 14; Gray-ch.Thrush 1,G; Veery 3, B,C,I; Bluebird 13; Pipit 1, H in G; Cedar Waxwing 66; Migrant Shrike 1,H; Starling 1964; Yellow-thr. Vireo 6, A,C; Blue-headed Vireo 2 F,G; Red-eyed Vireo 11; Philadelphia Vireo 4 C,F,G,H; Warbling Vireo 4 G,H; Black & White Warbler 12; Tenn. Warbler 17; Nashville Warbler 13; Parula W. 1, G; Yellow W.4,D,H,K; Magnolia Warbler 43; Cape May W. 16; Bl.Thr.Blue Warbler 5, B,H,J; Myrtle W. 1, K; Bl.Thr.Green W. 18; Blackburnian W. 8; Chestnut-sided W. 17; Bay-br.Warbler 115; Blackpoll W. 83; Pine W. 2,F,G; Ovenbird 10; Conn. W. 1,H; Mourning W. 1,G; N.Yellow-throat 10; Hooded W. 1,I; Wilson's W. 8, C,H,I,L; Canada W. 9; Redstart 39; English Sparrow 335; Bobolink 5 H, H in G; Meadowlark 7; Redwing 632; Baltimore Oriole 5,H,I; Bronzed Grackle 69; Cowbird 8, G; Scarlet Tanager 3, C,H; Cardinal 6 G,H,K; Rose-br. Grosbeak 1,H; Indigo Bunting 1,H; Goldfinch 226; Red-eyed Towhee 1,H; Savannah Sparrow 35; Vesper Sp. 22; Chipping Sq. 4; Field Sp. 15,B; Swamp Sp. 2, A,H; Song Sparrow 166; Total 140 species - 15,909 individuals. 23 Species Warblers, 434 individuals. Count conducted by Edw. Seeber, Leader, under auspices of Buffalo Audubon Society. Weather warm and partly cloudy, wind light; followed many days of very warm weather. Due to lack of observers, several good territories, notably the north end of Grand Island and the South Shore of Lake Erie, were not covered. It was hoped to cover thoroughly the area within fifteen miles of the Niagara River, plus the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, as well as isolated stations known for their densities of birds from past experience. Actually, Zoar Valley was the only isolated station covered.

The Warblers and other small insectivorous birds showed a remarkably spotty distribution. There was no tendency to spread over the entire area in a wave, but several key spots produced good numbers of Warblers. Notable were the differences between predominating species in flocks observed at different points. At Lincoln Park, redstarts were most numerous with a heavy sprinkling of Bay-Breasts, while at Delaware Park and Forest Lawn, eleven species were reported, but no more than eight of the most common species, Bay-Breasts. At Erie Beach a flock of about one hundred Warblers was noted, at least fifty of which were Blackpolls, with Bay-Breasts and Magnolias next in abundance. Around Brock's Monument there was a heavy preponderance of Bay-Breasts, while at the points beyond Port Colbourne, Blackpolls, Bay-Breasts and Magnolias were in almost equal numbers. At most other points there were very few migrants, and the Zoar Valley party found not a one. In contract, Rogerson counted fifteen species of Warblers from his window at Niagara Falls, with Cape Mays first in abundance and Redstarts next; but he did not report a single Blackpoll and only two Bay-Breasts.

The large numbers of Black Terns remaining near the Peace Bridge were the most notable feature of the water-bird count. The Little Gull, seen on the previous day, could not be located. Ducks, notably Blacks, appeared to be lower in numbers than ever before.

This census, if continued yearly at about the same time, should strike the height of fall migration some years, and will be of interest to make comparisons from year to year in connection with prevailing weather conditions. I wish to thank all who took part for their aid in covering the assigned areas.

Edward Seeber, Leader.

Meeting Held September 13, 1947.

The regularly scheduled second Wednesday meeting in September was changed to Saturday, September 13th, for a dinner in the cafeteria of the Buffalo Museum of Sciences. Here, after a day in the field, one hundred members and friends had the special and unusual honor of meeting and hearing four ornithologists of national fame. These men obligingly stayed over on their return home from the A.O.U. Meeting in Toronto.

At a meeting in the Museum Library after the dinner, President Wm. C. Vaughan introduced Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., Dr. Chapin, Curator of African Birds at the American Museum of Natural History, and Mrs. Chapin, Dr. John Aldrich, a founder and charter member of our Club, now Chief of the Section of Distribution and Migration in the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Roger Tory Peterson, well-known for his bird paintings and writings and his bird books, Field Guide to The Birds.

These men talked briefly about their work. To round out the program, Winston Brockner showed colored movies of the Terns and Gulls, taken by Robert Hermes on Gull Island, near Port Maitland, Ontario. During the evening, Roger very agreeably autographed his books for dozens of people.

E. C. Ulrich

Notes

Reports from Rochester and vicinity for the month of September, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, mention the presence of the American Egret during the entire month. For the week ending September 5th records included Golden Plover, Little Gull, Caspian Tern, Black and White Warbler and Nashville Warbler. The last Kingbird, Bobolink and Yellow-throated Vireo and the first Ruby-crowned Kinglets were reported the following week. Little Gull and Caspian Tern were again observed in the week ending September 19th, which week also included records of Red-backed Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Warbling Vireo, 13 species of Warblers, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Scarlet Tanager. On September 18th a Hudsonian Curlew appeared on the Summerville Pier. During the last week of September records included Green Heron, Osprey, Western Sandpiper, Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Wood Pewee, Cliff and Barn Swallows, Blue-headed and Philadelphia Vireos, 19 species of Warblers, of which the Pine Warbler was one, and the first White-throated Sparrows.

A report has just been received from Miss Mabel French of a Magpie seen by her on October 18th at Abbotts, N. Y., about ten miles beyond Franklinville, on the farm of Mr. Paul Maboy. Could this bird be one of the two which were observed during June and July 1946 at Niagara Falls?

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday, November 12th	A Review of Recent Books on Birds, by Marie Wendling, Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.
Wednesday, December 10th	Plans for the Christmas Census, Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

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Wednesday, October 8th	Election of Officers and Annual Meeting; Plans for Fall Duck Census, by Heather Thorpe, Census Leader.
Wednesday, October 22nd	Report on the 1947 A.O.U. Meeting at Toronto, Ontario, by Harold D. Mitchell; Results of the Fall Duck Census by Heather Thorpe, Census Leader.

Field Trips

Week-end Trip, Oct.11-12-13	Hawk Mountain, Pa. Leader, Winston Brecknor (El.6888)
Sunday, October 19th	Fall Duck Census. Leader, Heather Thorpe (Gr. 4100)

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, October 1st:	First Fall Meeting at Museum, 8 P.M. Bird pictures by Winston Brecknor.
Saturday, November 1st	Meet 1 P.M. Corner Niagara St. & Porter Ave. - North Harbor, Canadian Shore - Ducks, late migrants. Leader, Wm. H. Almendinger, (Wa. 5136)

Audubon Screen Tours

Sunday, November 23rd	Tom & Arlene Hadley "Creation" - Auditorium, Museum, 3 P. M.
Sunday, December 14th	Dr. George Miksch Sutton "North with The Birds", Museum, Auditorium, 3 P. M.

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The Month

There was general agreement that October was the pleasantest fall month on record. It was the second warmest and the third driest October in weather bureau history, with mean temperature 8.7 degrees above normal, and only 0.66 inches of rain. Many of our smaller birds remained much later than usual, and it will be very interesting to see whether, as the season progresses, a larger number than usual of Robins, Song Sparrows, Meadowlarks, Mourning Doves, and other hardy species, have been influenced by the mild weather to winter in our area.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

*--- Denotes new species for 1947
F--- " first record of season
L--- " last record of season.

Pied-billed Grebe	Oct.	23	32	Burntship Ck.	Mitchell
D.Cr.Cormorant	"	4	5	Niagara Falls	Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	"	5	40	Erie Beach,Ont.	Murphy, Venator
B.Cr.Night Heron	"	26	3	LaSalle Q.(Flying over)	Rosche
Least Bittern	"	17	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
Canada Goose	"	23	5 flocks	Abbotts, N.Y.	Paul Mahey
	"	23	30	Jamestown	Lenna
	"	25	16	"	Beal
	"	26	50	Humboldt Pk.	James
Surf Scoter	"	4	1	Gorge	Andrle,Filor,Gamble
	"	9	4	Waterworks	Mitchell
	"	23	1	Gorge	Mitchell
*Amer.Scoter	"	28 F	2	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, et al
Amer.Merganser	"	4	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Andrle,Filor,Gamble
Hooded Merganser	"	23	2	Burntship Cr.	Mitchell
Turkey Vulture	"	3	3	Bergen	Mitchell
	"	13	1	South Dayton	Webster
Sharp-Sh.Hawk	"	26 L	1	Chestnut Ridge	Dr.Axtell,Gamble
Red-Should.Hawk	"	25 L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Duck Hawk	"	22 F	1	Olcott	Doyle
	"	23	1	Goat Island	Mitchell

Golden Plover	Oct.	9	1	LaSalle Q.	Andrle
	"	10-13 L	1	" "	Roscho
Ruddy Turnstone	"	8 L	2	Donnolly's Pier	Seeber
Solitary Sandpiper	"	18	1	LaSalle Q.	Roscho
	"	23 L	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Greater Yellowlegs	"	9	5	Tonawanda Pond	Andrle
Yellowlegs	"	25 L	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Knot	"	5 L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Murphy, Venator
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	5	2	LaSalle Q.	Andrle
Red-bkd. Sandpiper	"	4	18	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Andrle, Filer
Stilt Sandpiper	"	2-4, 5	L-1	LaSalle Q.	Roscho, Andrle
*Franklin's Gull	"	26	1	Bird Is. Breakwall	Seeber
Forster's Tern	"	4 L	1	Bird Is.	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
Common "	"	26	89	Squaw Is.	Seeber
Black "	"	17 L	1	Bird Is.	Mitchell, et al
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	"	4 L	1	Ridgeway, Ont.	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
Nighthawk	"	7 L	1	Niagara St., Bflo.	Beardsleo
	"	7 L	3	U. of B. Grounds	Roscho
Chimney Swift	"	4 L	2	Kenmore	Seeber
Pileated Woodpecker	"	26	1	Zoar Valley	Mitchell, et al
Alder Flycatcher	"	5 L	1	N. Grand Is.	Seeber, Nathan
Wood Peewee	"	4	1	Sugar Loaf, Ont.	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
	""	5 L	1	N. Grand Is.	Seeber; Nathan
Rough-winged Swallow	"	16	48	Bird Is.	Mitchell
Purple Martin	"	8 L	41	Buffalo Harbor	Seeber
Magpie	"	18	1	Abbotts, N.Y.	Mabel French
Crow	"	19	500	Holland	James
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	25 R	1	Tifft St.	Vaughan, et al
House Wren	"	5	1	N. Grand Is.	Seeber; Nathan
Prairie Marsh Wren	"	24 L	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Catbird	"	25 L	2	Jamestown	Lonna
Brown Thrasher	"	25 L	1	Thorn-thicket, Grd. Is.	Gamble
Gray-ch. Thrush	"	6	1	N. Grand Island	Seeber; Nathan
	"	6	1	LaSalle	Teryon
Bluebird	"	13	33	So. Dayton	Webster
	"	28	7	Jamestown	Beal
Pipit	"	5	25	Grand Is.	Nathan; Seeber
	"	4, 13	33, 23	South Dayton	Webster
	"	24, 25	15, 35	Jamestown	Lonna
Cedar Waxwing	"	26	60	Zoar Valley	Mitchell, et al
Red-eyed Vireo	"	4	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
	"	5 L	1	Ransom Rd., Grd. Is.	Seeber, Nathan
Black & White Warbler	"	5	1	" " " "	" "
Nashville "	"	5	10	Buckhorn Is.	" "
Tennessee "	"	5 L	1	" "	" "
Orange-Cr. "	"	4	2	Canadian Shore	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
	"	18	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Magnolia "	"	5	5	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Cape May Warbler	"	4	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Filer, Gamble
Bl.-thr. Blue "	"	4	11	Buffalo	Brockner
	"	5 L	1	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Bl.-thr. Green "	"	14	2	U. of B. Grounds	Roscho
Chestnut-sided"	"	5 L	2	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Ovenbird	"	4 L	1	Holland	James
Connecticut "	"	5 L	2	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Ye. Yellow-throat	"	4	1	Holland	James
Wilson's Warbler	"	5 L	2	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Redstart	"	5 L	2	Ransom Rd.	Nathan, Seeber
Red-wing	"	18	A flock of several thousand was seen near Lake Ontario north of Brockport		Guelf

Cardinal	Oct. 18		1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
White-cr.Sparrow	" 5	F	5	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Fox Sparrow	" 25	L	1	Bear Swamp	Gamble
Lincoln's Sparrow	" 5		1	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan, Seeber
Lapland Longspur	" 5	F	1	Grand Is.	Nathan, Seeber

Total number of species to September 30, 1947	- 252
Number of new species observed in October	2
Total number of species to October 31, 1947	- 254
" " " " " " " 1946	- 256

FALL DUCK CENSUS

The Duck Census this year was held on Sunday, October 19, with 31 territories being covered. The warm weather which continued up and beyond the date mentioned had its effect on the numbers of ducks observed, especially the sea ducks. The scaups which were here in numbers last year at the same time showed half their usual numbers. The Red-Breasted Merganser count was also low. However, many more Blue-Winged Teal showed up and the Wood Duck count, especially that at Burntship Creek (Seeber) was encouraging. The records of Swallows and Spotted Sandpipers were, of course, a reflection of this continued warm spell.

The following is a list of the territories covered:

A.	Canadian Shore L. Erie, Ft. Erie to Morgan's Pt.	Mitchell, C.Moore, Elberg, Wiesnet, Almendinger
B.	Morgan's Pt., Rockhouse, Dunnville area	Wright
C.	Can. Shore Niag.R., Erie Beach to N. Falls	A.& E.Ulrich, M.Brown
D.	Can. Shore Niag.R., from N.Falls to Welland Canal	Nathan, Axtells, Filer
E.	Breakwall	Filer
F.	Am.Lakeshore, Bird Island to Falls	Beardsleo
G.	Niag.Falls feeding station, Hydo Pk., No.Ridge	Rogerson
H.	Whirlpool, Ft.Niagara to Wilson	Thorpe, Wolfling, Dietrich
I.	From Wilson along L.Ont.shore to Pt.Breeze	Dick McCarthy et al
		Also Miss Heyer
J.	Frenchman's Creek, Ont.	Murphy
K.	Oak Orchard	Vaughan et al (Class)
L.	Beadle Farm, Oak Orchard	R. Beadle
M.	Batavia, Nu L., Horseshoe L., Akron reservoir	Mrs. Pixley
N.	Lyndonville	W. A. Smith
O.	Delaware Park, Forest Lawn	Marie Wendling
P.	Lincoln Pk., Ell.Cr., Tona, Cr., Acacia & Whitechapel Com.	Facklam, Knight
Q.	Grand Is., s. of Whitehaven, E. of Baseline, excl. Beaver Is.	Pk.-Tilley, R.Knoble
R.	Grand Is., w. of Baseline including Beaver Is.	Praemassings, M.Rosa, Don Gamble
S.	Grand Island n. of Whitehaven	Seeber, Windsor
T.	E.Aurora Sinking Ponds	Wild, Knox
U.	E.Holland and parts of Java	Mabel James & party
V.	Sinks	B. Hochmuth
W.	Castile, N.Y.	Van Arsdales, Thompson
X.	Rushford Lake, Silver L., Cuba L., Crystal L., etc.	Creightons, McShanes, and also Mrs. Guest
Y.	Tifft St. to Dunkirk	Brockner & N.Falls Cl.
Z.	Dunkirk, Fredonia, Bear L., Cassadaga L. regions	Stanleys, T.Schober, Siegel
VV.	Levant, Chautauqua L., Hogsback & Barcellona	Beal, VanWhy, Sundell et al
XX.	Silver Cr.Reservoir, E.Mud L., Kent Switch, etc.	Webster, Reeche
ZZ.	Zoar Valley	Brettles
ZZZ.	Sea Breeze to Braddock's Bay	Rochester group
YY.	Red House Lake, Allegany St.Park, E.Randolph	Escholmans

The feature of this census was the sighting of a Gannet, an immature bird, off the shore of Lake Ontario in Canada, not far from Niagara-on-The-Lake. This was seen by the party which included Mr. Nathan, Dr. and Mrs. Axtell and John Filer. The last record of this bird in Western New York was one seen by Mr. Mitchell and party, November 4, 1933, at Fort Erie, Ont. A report which has been received from Rochester listed nine more of these birds seen on the census, making a total of 10 for the day.

A total list with territories of all birds seen on this census follows:

SPECIES	Total	Terr.
Loon, Common	9	D,I,ZZ
Grebe, Horned	14	
Grebe, Pied-billed	110	
Gannet	10	D, ZZZ
D.Br.Cormorant	7	F,VV
Gt,Blue Heron	41	
Little Gr. "	1	N
Bl.Cr.Night Heron	36	
Am.Bittern	12	H,R,X,VV
Canada Goose	213	
Mallard	394	
Black Duck	641	
Gadwall	6	C
Baldpate	103	
Pintail	21	
Gr.winged Teal	26	
Bl. " "	80	
Wood Duck	338	
Redhead	11	R,X,Z
Lesser Scaup	546	
Golden-eye	100	D,I
W.W.Scoter	15	
Surf "	4	D
Ruddy Duck	3	C,Z,VV
Hooded Merganser	1	S
Amer. "	3	D
Red.Br. "	4	I,Z
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	
Cooper's Hawk	4	
Red-tailed Hawk	4	
Red-Shouldered Hawk	1	X
Broad-winged "	2	YY
Rough-legged "	1	M
Bald Eagle	3	B,S
Marsh Hawk	14	
Sparrow Hawk	18	
Ruffed Grouse	1	U
Pheasant	76	
Sora Rail	5	A,Z
Fla.Gallinule	4	S,T,Z
Coot	200	
Semi-palm.Plover	2	A,E.
Killdeer	546	
Bl.Bellied Plover	3	A,B
WoodCock	10	J,S,Z,YY
W.Snipe	23	
Spotted Spr.	2	Z
Gr.Yellowlegs	14	
L. "	7	

SPECIES	Total	Terr.
Pectoral Spr.	6	B
W.rumped "	2	J
Red Backed "	66	B
Sanderling	21	
Gr.Bl.B. Gull	1	F
Herring Gull	801	
Ring-billed Gull	2660	
Bonaparte's "	649	
Common Tern	713	
Rock Dove	131	
Mourning Dove	20	
Belted Kingfisher	31	
Flicker	55	
R.Headed Woodpkr.	5	R,W,
Sapsucker	4	D,P.
Hairy Woodpkr.	16	
Downy "	42	
Phoebe	2	R,S
Pr.Horned Lark	72	
Tree Swallow	2	Y
Rough-winged Sw.	1	Z
Bluejay	171	
Crow	1457	
Bl.c.Chickadee	130	
Wh.Br.Nuthatch	16	
Brown Creeper	15	
House Wren	1	P
Winter Wren	8	
Carolina Wren	1	A
Long b.Marsh Wren	6	Z,VV
Short " " "	1	ZZ
Catbird	11	
Brown Thrasher	2	J
Robin	1488	
Wood Thrush	5	Q,R
Hermit Thrush	27	
Ol.Backed "	5	A,Q,U
Gray Ch. "	2	H
Bluebird	189	
Golden Cr.Kinglet	184	
Ruby-Cr. "	91	
Pipit	253	
Cedar Waxwing	158	
Starling	5769	
Blue Headed Vireo	1	D
Bl.& Wh.Warbler	1	P
Or.Crowned "	1	O
Nashville "	2	F,P
Magnolia "	2	R,X

SPECIES	Total	Terr.	SPECIES	Total	Terr.
Cape May Warbler	3	P,R	Towhee	19	
Myrtle "	189		Savannah Sparrow	7	D,R,Z
Bl.Thr.Green "	1	XX	Vesper "	126	
Palm "	5	Q,U	Sl/Col.Junco	1010	
No.Yellowthroat	4	J,X	Tree Sparrow	37	
English Sparrow	839		Chipping "	33	
Meadowlark	51		Field "	30	
Red-wg.Blackbird	4030		Wht.Cr. "	24	
Rusty Blackbird	252		Wht.Thr. "	618	
Bronzed Grackle	512		Fox Sparrow	6	H,M,S,Z
Cowbird	250		Lincoln's "	6	R
Cardinal	11		Swamp "	19	
Pine Siskin	2	X	Song "	651	
Goldfinch	290		Lapland Longspur	17	S,VV

Total species 126
Total individuals (incl.about 700 unidentified ducks too far out 28771
New species for a census between Oct.10 and 25th: Gannet, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Brown Thrasher.

Many interesting asides and letters from those who participated were received by the census leader this year and seem to be worthy of printing for the record: -

Mrs. Thomas Guest, Rushford--- "I am anxious to see the results of this census,for it seems to me that bird population has decreased a lot this year. -- There seems to be a great decrease in the number of birds that come near the house. I do know that this county is alive with red foxes and I believe they are the cause of some of the decrease in birds. Another major cause may be from the farmers' use of DDT dusts and sprays on farm crops. It is certain there are very few birds on the lake too (Rushford L.), although it may be a bit early for them so far. But I have not seen or heard any ducks or geese down there this fall.--"

Dr. Stanley -- "Partridge, red-tailed Hawk and Horned Owl were seen earlier in the week." (Fredonia)

Gertrude Webster -- "Rain, fog and clouds prevented good observation at Markham Corners, Cottage, Silver Creek Reservoir and East Mud Lake. At the last named place observation was zero. We believe there would have been more hawks and ducks had it been otherwise. However, even in a pouring rain, the Rusty Blackbirds looked good."

Robert Sundell -- (referring to a European Widgeon) "Lonna is very sure that he saw a bird of this species at Prendergast Point among the Baldpate, but he is the only one who saw it. Before anyone could get there the birds flushed and although we came back later it was too dark to see them. -- I am sending in the record as a matter of interest. As far as I know there are no records of European Widgeon for Chautauqua County."

Mrs. O. L. Pixley -- "Blue Jays everywhere. Found them in seven different places where I have never seen them before."

Mr. Beardslee reported seeing a small flycatcher in his territory but unfortunately it got away before it could be positively identified as to species.

Mr. Fred Hazelton was not able to send in a report for the day of the census but wrote as follows: "I hear the Red-Bellied Woodpecker every few days,also a Great Horned Owl, a pair of Blue Jays, Bluebirds, Robin and many Goldfinch as well as the Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker and Downy, Chickadee and Nuthatches. There is also a Red-Tailed Hawk which stays all winter.--"

We had a wonderful turn-out of parties for this census, and I wish to thank all who co-operated so nobly.

Heather G. Thorpe, Census Leader.

NOTES

During the month of December, an exhibit of original paintings by Dr. George Miksch Sutton will be shown at the Buffalo Museum of Science under the auspices of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Arrangements have been made to have the exhibit room open from 7:30 P.M. to 8 P.M., just before our regular meeting on December 10, 1947, for the benefit of our members.

Wm. Vaughan

Rochester Bird Notes for October, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, feature the record of nine Gannets, all in immature plumage, seen on October 19th, from Sea Breeze to Braddock's Bay. They were at times together, and at other times, as individuals or smaller groups. One was seen as late as the last week of the month.

In early October, records included Ruddy Duck, Red-br.Merganser, Osprey, Red-backed Sandpiper, Whippoorwill, Hummingbird, Chimney Swift, Blue-headed Vireo, nine species Warblers, including N. Waterthrush, Blackburnian, and Mourning Warblers, White-crowned Sparrow and a very early Tree Sparrow. During the week ending Oct. 10th, Horned Grebe, D. Cr. Cormorant, Green Heron, Canada Goose, Redhead and Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, Surf Scoter, Sora Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Pectoral, Least and Semi-palm. Sandpipers, seven species of Warbler, including Tennessee, Pine Warblers and Redstarts were among the species observed.

The following week's records included Catbird, a very late Veery, Migrant Shrike, Yellow-throated and Red-eyed Vireo, Nashville and Palm Warblers. For the week ending Oct. 24th, White-w. Scoter, Virginia Rail, Fla. Gallinule, Semi-palm. Plover, a late White-rumped Sandpiper, Kumlien's Gull, Olive-b. Thrush, Pipit, Magnolia Warbler and Savannah and Vesper Sparrows were among these species reported. Records for the last week included European Widgeon, both Yellowlegs, Kingfisher, Flicker, Pr. Marsh Wren, Pine Warblers, Cardinal, Fox Sparrow and Swamp Sparrow.

H. D. Mitchell

NOTE The Fall Warbler Count taken September 14, 1947, was under the auspices of the Buffalo Audubon Society. No mention was made in the October PROTHONOTARY to this effect.

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Sunday, November 23rd: Audubon Screen Tour - Tom and Arlene Hadley - "Creation". Museum of Science Auditorium 3 P. M.

Wednesday, December 10th: Talk on India, by N. G. Pillai, Museum Training student from India. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.
Christmas Census Plans. Leaders John Filer and Norman Keim (Ba. 4597)
NOTE - Sutton Painting exhibit at 7:30 P. M.

Sunday, December 14th: - Audubon Screen Tour, Dr. George Miksch Sutton - "North with The Birds". Museum Auditorium 3 P. M.

Wednesday, January 14th: Conservation Committee Program, Winston Brockner, Chairman. Christmas Census Report - John Filer and Norman Keim, Leaders. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Sunday, January 25th: Audubon Screen Tour: Karl Maslowski - "Saguaroland", Museum Auditorium, 3 P. M.

Wednesday, January 28th: Joint Meeting with the Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc. - Francis Tilley, Speaker. Report on Audubon Camp in Maine, with motion pictures of the camp. Library of Museum, 8 P.M.

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, November 15th: Waterfront, Leader, Harold D. Mitchell. (Un.8532) Meet at Niagara and Ferry Sts., 1:15 P.M.

Sunday, December 7th: Leroy. Visit to Mr. Hazelton's woods and bird feeders. Leaders Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich (Pa. 8896) Meet at Main City Line 8 A.M.

Sunday, December 21st: Christmas Census. Leaders, John Filer and Norman Keim (Ba. 4579)

Saturday, January 24th: Niagara Loop. Leader, Ellen J. Windsor. (Am. 3570) Meet at Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge 1 P.M.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, December 3rd: Christmas Census Plans; Motion Pictures. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P.M.

Saturday, December 13th: Field Trip around Niagara Loop. Meet Peace Bridge, Busti Avenue side 1:30 P.M. Dinner 6 P.M. at Sargent's and Zolim's, foot of Ferry Street. Leader, H.D.Mitchell (Un. 8532)

Sunday, December 28th: Christmas Bird Census (Chestnut Ridge, Hamburg, Orchard Park, Emory Park, area) Contact the Praemassings, (Pa. 1088) for assignment of territory.

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The Month

November approached more normal weather conditions than any other fall month, and it brought more snow than usual, particularly in the region southwest and south of Buffalo. Approximately two feet of snow fell in much of this area during Thanksgiving Day week, when it snowed for several days in succession, and most of the few remaining bird migrants departed in the face of this first display of the oncoming winter. Ring-billed Gulls diminished greatly in number, while Herring Gulls became abundant, and the first Glaucous Gulls appeared, following the storm above mentioned. Waterfowl were not present in their usual numbers, nor was there any indication of a recurrence of last year's flight of northern finches. Chickadees appear to be far below their normal numbers at this season. For several days a King Eider Duck was present at Bird Island, and it will be interesting to see if there will be others reported during the coming winter.

H. D. Mitchell

Noteworthy Records

* --- Denotes new species for 1947
F --- " first record of season
L --- " last record of season

Common Loon	Nov. 27	6	Niagara River & Gorge	Andrle et al
	" 30	4	Niagara Gorge	Brockner et al
* Lesser Loon	" 9	1	" " (dead spec.)	Nathan et al
	" 11	1	" " " "	Filor, Keim
	" 27	1	" " " "	Andrle et al
Horned Grebe	" 27	6	Niagara Gorge	Andrle et al
	" 30	6	" "	Axtell et al, Brockner
Pied-billed Grebe	" 2	15	Burntship Creek	Heilborn -/et al
	" 14	1	Delaware Pk. Lake	K. Praemassing
	" 15L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
D. Cr. Cormorant	" 27	1	Niagara Gorge	Andrle et al
Great Blue Heron	" 11	1	Beaver Is.	Andrle, Gamble
	" 14	3	" "	Gamble, de Leeuw
	" 29	1	Burntship Creek	Heilborn
Bl. Cr. Night Heron	" 23	3	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
	" 30	8	Goat Is.	Brockner et al
Amer. Bittern	Oct. 23	1	Jamestown	Lonna, Powers
	Nov. 14 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al

Mute Swan	Oct. 20		1	Chautauqua Lake	Van Why
Canada Goose	about " 30		70	Jamestown	rep. Sundell
	Nov. 18	L	100 plus	Lakewood	Beal
Gadwall	Nov. 15		3	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
Pintail	" 22		1	Beaver Is.	Andrle, Filer
	" 23		2	Grand Is.	Nathan
	" 30		1	Goat Is.	Brockner, et al
Green-w. Teal	" 23		5	Grand Is.	Nathan
Redhead	" 15		8	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell et al
	" 22		3	Jamestown	Lenna
Ring-necked Duck	" 11		1	Beaver Is.	Andrle, Gamble
Canvasback	Oct. 26	F	1	Allegany Park	Parker
	Nov. 8		2	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
	" 9		3	Niagara Falls	Brockner et al
	" 29		100 plus	Niagara River	Mitchell, Wright
Greater Scaup Duck	" 8,9		30,90	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Brockner et al
Amer. Goldeneye	" 14		215	Grand Is.	Gamble, de Leeuw
Bufflehead	" 4		1	Burntship Creek	Gamble, de Leeuw
	" 9		1	Niagara Falls	Brockner et al
	" 27		30	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle et al
Old Squaw	" 15	F	30 plus	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
* King Eider	" 15		1	off Bird Is.	Mitchell et al
	" 16,17		1	" " "	Many observers
White-w. Scoter	" 15		1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell et al
	" 27		3	Niagara Gorge	Andrle et al
	" 29		2	Niagara River	Mitchell
	" 30		10	Niagara Gorge & Ft. Niagara	-Brockner et al
Surf Scoter	Oct. 26	L	4	Barcelona	Sundell, Van Why
American Scoter	Nov. 15		15	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell et al
	" 23		24	" "	Seeber
	" 27		13	" "	Andrle et al
	" 13		1	Front	H. Thorpe
Ruddy Duck	" 9	L	4	Grand Is.	Nathan, Filer, Seeber
Hooded Merganser	" 8		6	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 14		12	Beaver Is.	Gamble, de Leeuw
	" 22		16	Beaver Is.	Andrle, Filer
	" 27		6	Niagara River	Andrle et al
	" 29		9	" "	Mitchell, Wright
	" 30		3	Niagara-on-Lake, Ont.	Axtell et al
Amer. Merganser	" 14		3	Delaware Pk. Lake	K. Praemassing
Red-br. "	" 15		25	Fuhrman Blvd.	Mitchell et al
Goshawk	" 23	F	1	Bird Is.	Seeber
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 30		2	Goat Is.	Brockner et al
	" 30		1	Niagara-on-Lake, Ont.	Axtell et al
Cooper's Hawk	" 1		1	Tifft St., 1 Woodlawn	Andrle, Filer
	" 30		1	Pt. Weller, Ont.	Axtell et al
Red-Shouldered Hawk	Oct. 11		1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 23		1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
Am. Rough-legged Hawk	Nov. 9		1	Grand Is.	Nathan, Filer, Seeber
	" 28		1	Burntship Creek	Gamble, de Leeuw
Bald Eagle	" 7		1 Ad.	Burntship Creek	rep. Heilborn
	" 9		1 Imm.	" "	Heilborn
	" 16		2	" "	" et al
	" 29		2 Ad.	Sunken Is.	Mitchell, Wright
Marsh Hawk	" 4		2	Grand Is.	Gamble, de Leeuw
	" 15		1	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
	" 16		3	Burntship Creek	Heilborn et al
	" 30		1	Stafford	Mitchell
	" 30		1	Port Weller, Ont.	Axtell et al

Coot	Oct. 25	70	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
Killdeer	Nov. 9	8	LaSalle Quarry	Gamble
	" 22 L	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Wilson's snipe	" 4	1	Burntship Creek	Gamble, de Leeuw
	" 9 L	1	Niagara Falls	Brockner et al
Spotted Sandpiper	" 1 L	1	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Almendinger, Mitchell et
Greater Yellow-legs	" 4 L	1	Burntship Creek	Gamble, de Leeuw /al
Red-backed Sandpiper	" 1 L	2	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Almendinger, Mitchell et
Semi-palmated "	" 1 L	1	Crystal Beach, Ont.	ditto /al
Sanderling	" 1 L	1	" " "	"
Glaucous Gull	" 27 F	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle et al
	" 30	1	" "	" " "
Bonaparte's Gull	" 18	500	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Moore
	" 19	1400	Niagara River	Brockner, Mitchell
Little Gull	" 19	1	Off Bird Is.	Mitchell
	" 30	2	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, Seeber
Common Tern	" 11 L	2	Beaver Is.	Andrle
Black Tern	" 22	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Almendinger, Wright
Mourning Dove	" 27	3	Amherst	Andrle et al
	" 27	8	Lockport	rep. Webster
	" 27	10	Springville	Gamble
	" 28, 29	1, 8	Grand Is.	Gamble, Heilborn
Screech Owl	Oct. 16, 17	1, 1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Barred Owl	Oct. 4	1	"	"
Long-eared Owl	Nov. 15	1	U. of Buffalo Grounds	Roesche
Chimney Swift	Oct. 5 L	30	Frewsburg	Sundell
B. Kingfisher	Nov. 27	2	Chippewa	Andrle et al
	" 29	1	Grand Is.	Heilborn
	" 30	1	Dufferin Is., Ont.	Brockner et al
Flicker	" 18, 30	1, 1	Jamestown, Brocks Monument	Boal, Axtell et al
Phoebe	" 12 L	1	Elma	Mrs. Eschelmann
Northern Horned Lark	" 15 F	8	Amsdell Rd. Hamburg	Wright
Prairie " "	" 1, 1	3, 5, 8	Jamestown	Boal, Lenna
	" 15	50	Amsdell Rd. Hamburg	Wright
Tufted Titmouse	Oct. 4	1	Lincoln Park	Almendinger, Nathan, Mit-
House Wren	Oct. 5	1	Frewsburg	Sundell /chell
Winter Wren	Nov. 8 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
Mockingbird	Nov. 21	1	Dorby	H. H. Larkin, Sr.
Robin	" 8	8	Delaware Park	Mitchell, Roesche
	" 15	1	Bird Island	Mitchell et al
	" 18	1	Jamestown	Boal
	"	2 - all month, Snyder		Gamble
	" 27	1	Pembroke	Mrs. Denham (rep. Eschel-
Hermit Thrush	" 10 L	1	Buffalo	Facklam /mann
Bluebird	" 9 L	1	Grand Is.	Brockner et al
Golden-cr. Kinglet	" 10	1 at feeder, Jewett Pkwy.		Windsor
Ruby-cr. "	" 9	2	Grand Is.	Brockner et al
	" 30	2	Queenston, Ont.	Axtell et al
Amer. Pipit	" 8 L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Cedar Waxwing	" 8	3	"	"
	" 15	20	"	"
Northern Shrike	" 22	1	Elma	Mrs. Harry Larkin, Jr.
	" 23	1	Grand Is.	Nathan
Red-eyed Vireo	Oct. 12 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Cape May Warbler	Oct. 4, 5	1, 1	Frewsburg	"
Myrtle Warbler	Nov. 2	2	Grand Is.	Heilborn
	" 3	1	La Salle	"
	" 13	1	Jamestown	Boal
	" 3, 7, 14, 29 L	1 each day, Frewsburg		Sundell

Bay-Br.Warbler	Oct. 5 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
N.Yellowthroat	Oct. 5	1	"	"
Red-wing	Nov. 22 L	10	Jamestown	Lenna
Rusty Blackbird	" 2	40	Burntship Creek	Heilborn
	" 15 L	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
Purple Finch	" 18	1	Jamestown	Beal
Goldfinch	" 17	12	LaSalle	Heilborn
	" 30	2	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Axtell et al
Tree Sparrow	Oct. 18 F	2	Frewsburg	Sundell
Chipping Sparrow	" 28 L	3	"	"
White-thr.Sparrow	Nov. 3	1	La Salle	Heilborn
	" 9	2	Grand Is.	Brockner et al
	" 16-23 L	1 at	feeder, Jewett Pkwy.	Windsor
Fox Sparrow	" 9	1	La Salle Quarry	Roscho
	" 9-23 L	1 at	feeder, Jewett Pkwy.	Windsor
Song Sparrow	" 15	Last 3 at	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 29	1	La Salle Quarry	Roscho
	" 30	1	Dufferin Is., Ont.	Brockner et al
Lapland Longspur	Oct. 26	9	Barcelona	Sundell, Van Why
	Nov. 15	20	Amsdell Rd., Hamburg	Wright
Snow Bunting	" 15 F	1	" " "	"
	" 23	1	Rose Hill, Ont.	Thorpe, Filer

Total number of species to October 31, 1947	254
Number of new species observed in November	2
Total number of species to November 30, 1947	256

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH IN A WYOMING GLEN

Western New York favors bird observers with a wide range of environment. The altitude of Lake Ontario has a level of 243 feet and increases through the successive stages of the Niagara, Onondaga and Portage escarpments to 1200 and 1500 feet in the lower levels of the Alleghany Plateau. From here the rise becomes more abrupt, forming the foothills of the Alleghany Mountain system with altitudes up to 2500 feet.

The drainage from these hills has cut through the Chemung Shale of this area, forming many glens, with abrupt walls, small rills and pot holes, and occasional level places. The nature of these cuts is such that farming and pasturing stop very abruptly on their perimeters. Here the native natural wild growth takes on the form indigenous to that belt, the hemlock, beech, birch, maple forest, and attendant undergrowth of the lower Canadian Zone, almost to the complete exclusion of the flora of the surrounding farmlands.

That these conditions favor the nesting of the Louisiana Waterthrush is attested by the fact that around Gowanda on the Cattaraugus Creek at the 800 ft. level similar glens have their nesting pairs of this same species. (This same area has records of Chat, Cardinals, Blue-winged, Golden-winged and Brewsters Warblers.)

To find the expected gives gratification on any bird trip, and with this hope the naturalist tries to recapture the observation of some earlier time. Conditions very seldom repeat, as was our experience in a glen between Wyoming and Warsaw in the latter part of June, 1947.

We had traversed nearly the whole length of the gully, noting Mourning Warbler, Redstarts, Bl.thr. Green, Canada and Magnolia Warblers, but not a single Waterthrush in an area where on previous trips the bird has been seen.

At one of the more open places, a mellow, shore-bird-like note instilled caution. Observation disclosed that the call came from a Great Horned Owl and within the course of several hundred feet, five birds of the same species flashed ahead. Several

of those alighted on the bank of the stream, apparently a pair of adults and three juveniles just out of the nest, for at times they allowed an approach to as close as sixty feet. At this time a woodchuck also came into view.

Within sight of the head of the glen, a small ravine entered from the east and at the very junction of the two we heard and then saw our first Louisiana Waterthrush. The bird flew up the smaller gully and in the manner of his kind kept just ahead of our approach, and then suddenly disappeared from in front of us. Subsequent search found the bird to our rear. Repeatedly doing the same thing within the same area, the bird, however, showed greatest agitation at a spot where the creek bed leveled off and where a six foot bank of perpendicular shale gave no support to vegetation of any kind and showed only a few matted, dead leaves plastered on the verticle bank about thirty inches from the bed.

After an hour's search and despairing of success, we retraced our steps to the main stream and went upstream to where an old log dam held back the silt and terminated the glen conditions. Here started the open, rolling pasture land.

On our return by mistake we entered the side gully from above, and had gone but a short distance, when the bird flushed from the side bank that had the matted leaves. Investigation revealed a small hollow about two inches deep and extending about four and one-half inches horizontally behind the leaves, the nest containing four eggs.

So natural did these leaves appear that they gave no indication of anything unusual, merely dead leaves drifted down and held in place on the damp wall, a clever camouflage and shelter all in one. Here we had a Carolinian faunal species living in a typical Canadian habitat, in Western New York. He is a shy bird, very fittingly at home in these glens, where he, tiltingly walks along the creek bottoms, springing from rock to rock or darting into the concealment offered by the woods. Surely, a wild spirit in a wild setting and flaunting the accepted rule of distribution, he chooses his home in a setting of his own liking.

E. C. Ulrich and W. C. Vaughan

NOTES

Rochester Bird Notes for November as reported by Wm. L. G. Edson, include Gannet, White-winged and Surf Scoters, Greater Yellowlegs, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby- cr. Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch, Towhee, White-throated Sparrow and Snow Bunting during the first week of the month. The following week Red-shouldered Hawk, Robin, Red-wing and Goldfinch were among the species listed. Records for the week ending November 21st included Red-throated Loon, Great Blue Heron, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Surf Scoter, Mourning Dove and Bronze Grackle, while in the following week records included Pied-billed Grebe, Green-winged Teal, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's and Marsh Hawks, Coot, Winter Wren, Robin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Migrant Shrike, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, White-throated and Swamp Sparrows.

Our neighbor ornithologists, the Genesee Ornithological Society, in expanding its activities, is publishing a paper, "The Goshawk", with A. W. Bussewitz as Editor. We congratulate them and wish them success in their venture.

E.C.U.

FUTURE EVENTS

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Buffalo Audubon Society Program

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December weather endangered no records. Temperatures averaged almost exactly normal for the month. True, snowfall at the Buffalo Airport totaled only 4.3 inches, but there was considerably more in areas to the south. Exceptionally high winds were recorded on the 16th, 17th, and 18th, the 50 M.P.H. of the 17th being highest for the entire year. There was no severe cold snap during the month, the lowest temperature being a comparatively mild 10 degrees above zero. Ice formed in Lake Erie rather slowly, but the high winds mentioned above, being from a generally western direction, piled the ice into our end of the lake, and navigation, officially closed on the 18th, ended for good on the 22nd with the arrival of the S.S.Lagonda. Absence of zero temperatures resulted in the presence of unusually large numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls at the year's end. The flocks, usually composed of several score of individuals, were large enough to encourage two Little Gulls to remain here. I am very indebted to Beal and Sundell for their observation of the huge cone crop on the conifers this winter. I quote from Sundell's letter: "Mr. Beal--- says he has never seen anything like it. Some trees are bending over at the top under the weight of the cones." If the same situation exists in Canada, we can expect no invasion of northern finches here. It will be interesting to watch developments. It is a pleasure to receive reports of this nature, and I urge all observers to submit pertinent information, which may serve to make "The Month" more interesting and instructive.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* - denotes new species for year
F - " first record for season
L - " last record for season.

Common Loon	Dec.11-13-27	1 plus	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell et al, Heilborn
	" 20	1	Outlet	Beal et al
Lesser Loon	" 11-13	1-1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell et al
Holboell's Grebe	" 28 L	1	Niagara Gorge	Heilborn
Horned Grebe	" &&11-13	8-2	" "	Mitchell et al
	" 28	9	" "	Heilborn
D.Cr.Cormorant	" 11-13	1-1	" "	Mitchell et al
	" 15	1	" "	Bourne
B.Cr.Night Heron	" 11-13	1	Goat Island	Mitchell et al

Whistling Swan	Nov. 2	100 plus	East Aurora	Wander
Canada Goose	Dec. 9 L	35	Shearman's Bay	Beal
Black Duck	" 6	90	Buffalo Waterfront	Mitchell, Wright
	" 11-13	30-40	Niagara Falls	Mitchell et al
	"" 20	1	Frewsburg	Beal, Sundell
	" 25	75	Beaver Island	Roscho
Baldpate	" 25 L	12	Niagara River	Tulinoff
Wood Duck	" 13	1	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
Redhead	" 20	3	Fuhrmann Drive	"
	" 27	2	Buffalo Waterfront	"
Canvasback	" 11 F	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
	" 13	300	Niagara River	" et al
	" 27	2	Bflo. Waterfront	" " "
Greater Scaup Duck	" 13	3000	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
	" 25	1600	Beaver Island	Roscho
Amer. Goldeneye	" 13	400	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
Bufflehead	" 13	30	" "	" " "
Old Squaw	" 13	50	" "	" " "
Wht.w. Scoter	" 11-13	2-3	Niagara Gorge	" " "
	" 24-26	3	off Fuhrmann Blvd.	Bourne
	" 27	3	Niagara Gorge	Heilborn
	" 30	1	Jamestown	Lenna, Sundell, Powers
Amer. Scoter	" 6	1	Buffalo Waterfront	Mitchell, Wright
	" 13	1	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
Ruddy Duck	" ~~15~~ 30	1	Grand Island	Windsor
Hooded Merganser	" 26, 29	3-1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Goshawk	" 15	1	Tonawanda	Mitchell
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 20	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Cooper's Hawk	" 26	1	Fonthill, Ont.	Selby
	" 29	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Marsh Hawk	" 14-14	1-1	Grand Is., Boston	Seeber, Thorpe
Ruffed Grouse	" 26	2	Fonthill, Ont.	Selby
Glaucous Gull	" 6	2	Tifft St.	Vaughan et al
	" 20, 26, 27	1	Bflo. Waterfront	Mitchell, Wright et al
Iceland Gull	" 11	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
Little Gull	" 6, 18, 27	1	Ft. Ontario St.	Mitchell, Wright et al
	" 8	2	Grand Is. & Ft. Ontario St.	Brockner, Vaughan, McCann
Mourning Dove	" 20	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Screech Owl	" 31	10	Grand Island	Gamble, deLeeuw
Gt. Horned Owl	" 25	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Kingfisher	" 13	1-2	Jamestown, Bufferin Is.	Mitchell, Lenna
	" 15	1	Goat Island	Bourne
	" 25	1	Grand Island	Verrill
	" 26	1	Holland	"
Flicker	" 13	1	LaSalle	Heilborn
	" 20	1	Fluvanna	Beal, Sundell
	" 25-31	1	Buffalo at feeder	Windsor
Pileated Woodpecker	" 20	2	Ashville	Beal, Sundell
	" 23	1	"	Beal
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 20	4	Fluvanna	Beal, Sundell
	" 20	8	Frewsburg	" "
Winter Wren	" 20	4	Fluvanna	Beal, Sundell
	" 20	3	Jamestown	Lenna
Robin	" 6	2	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	" 13	1	Buffalo	Grimm, rep. Webster
	" 20	1	Bird Is.	Mitchell et al
	" 20, 31	2	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 27	1	Snyder	Gamble
	" 27	1	Frewsburg	Conti, rep. Sundell
	" 31	2, 1	Jamestown	D. & P. Lenna

Ruby-cr. Kinglet	Dec. 7, 20	1, 1	Frowsburg, Lakewood	Sundoll, Lonna
Cedar Waxwing	" 20	3	Jamestown	Lonna
Northern Shrike	" 11	1	Irving	Bourne
Myrtle Warbler	" 20	1	Fluvanna	Beal, Sundoll
Meadowlark	" 19	1	Depew	Bourne
Red-wing Blackbird	" 26, 27	1, 1	Frowsburg	Sundolls
Cowbird	" 6	2	"	"
Cardinal	" 13	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Mitchell et al
	" 19	2	Ridgeville, Ont. & daily thereafter at feeder-	Solby
Purple Finch	" 23	15	Ashville	Beal
Goldfinch	" 20	2	Jamestown	Lonna
White-thr. Sparrow	" 14	2	Boston	Thorpe
Fox Sparrow	Nov. 4	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	Nov. 17	1	Buffalo at feeder	M. Wheeler
Song Sparrow	Dec. 23	2	Frowsburg	Sundoll
	" 25	1	Tifft. St.	Roesche
	" 26	1	Holland	Verrill
	" 28	1	Jamestown	Beal
	" 30	1	No. Bflo.	Andrle
Snow Bunting	" 8	1	Grand Island	Andrle, Koim, Filer

Total number of species for 1947 - 260.

BUFFALO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CENSUS

Under the leadership of John Filer and Norman Koim.

A - Buffalo Harbor, Canadian Shore of Niagara River, Ft. Erie to Niag. Falls and Gorge — Savage, Bourne
B - American Shore of Niagara River, Bird Is., to Goat Is., Hyde Park-Mitchell, Rogerson
C - Ontario, inland average four miles, Ft. Erie to Chippewa, Willoughby-Pauso, Nathan, Drobitts
D - Delaware Park, Forest Lawn Cemetery, LaSalle Quarry, University of Buffalo Campus and Lincoln Park — Wendling, Knoble, Roshho
E - Tonawanda, Elmlawn Cemetery, WhiteChapel Cemetery, Wurlitzer Plant and vicinity — Ulrichs, Kogel, Brown
F - Navy Island — Gamble
G - Buckhorn Is. Park and vicinity, north of Long and Baseline Rds.-Glick, Row, Burch
H - East of Baseline Rd., north of Ransom & Bedell Rds, also south of Whitehaven Road, north of Fix Road, — Andrle, Cooley, Filer, Murphy, Wagner
I - East of Baseline Rd., South of Bedell & Ransom Rds. North of Whitehaven Rd. — Brockner
J - South of Fix Road, on the east side, south of Love Rd. on west side - Axtells
K - West of Baseline Rd., south of Whitehaven Rd., north of Love Rd.-Seeber, Webster
L - West of Baseline Rd., south of Long Rd., north of Whitehaven Rd. - Vaughan

Buffalo, N. Y. (centering on Grand Island, including Niagara River and adjacent areas; open farmland 40%; deciduous woods 20%; parks 5%, Niagara River and Bflo. Harbor 20%, cattail marshes 3%, city, suburban and factory areas 12%) December 21, 1947, 7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P.M. Cloudy and Dark, temperature 32 to 38°; wind s.w. about 15 m.p.h., creeks, ponds and harbor open, no ice bridge in gorge at falls. Thirty-six observers in 12 parties. Total hours 103 (52 on foot); total miles 270 (63 on foot; 10 by boat; 197 by car).

Common Loon 5; Holboell's Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 9; Pied-Billed Grebe 1; Double-Crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 1; Black-crowned Night Heron 4; Mallard 89; Black Duck 568; Pintail 2; Ring-necked Duck 1; Canvasback 885; Redhead 2; Greater Scaup 3309; Lesser Scaup 1; Am. Goldeneye 2561; Bufflehead 98; Oldsquaw 180; White-

winged scoter 3; Hooded Merganser 1; Am. Merganser 588; Red-breasted Merganser 88; Goshawk 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 8; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Bald Eagle 2; Marsh Hawk 9; Sparrow Hawk 23; Ring-necked Pheasant 106; Glaucous Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 29; Herring Gull 5142; Ring-billed Gull 422; Bonaparte's Gull 5367; Little Gull 2;(seen by H.D.Mitchell and party. Dusky under-wings clearly noted. Second occurrence of this species on our census) Rock Dove 105; Mourning Dove 16; Screech Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 6; Long-eared Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 3; Flicker 3; Red-headed Woodpecker 3; Hairy Woodpecker 17; Downy Wood-pecker 80; Blue Jay 64; Crow 72; Black-capped Chickadee 146; White-breasted Nuthatch 30; Brown Creeper 37; Winter Wren 1; Robin 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 65; Ruby-Cr. Kinglet 1; Cedar Waxwing 1; Northern Shrike 1; Starling 3256; Myrtle Warbler 1; English Sparrow 1132; Cardinal 8; Goldfinch 15; Red-eyed Towhee 2; Slate-colored Junco 113; Tree Sparrow 348; White-throated Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 14. Total 68 species, 25,083 individuals.

The previous high number of species was last year's list of 64. The total number of individuals was also more than 5000 above, any previous total. Four species had never occurred on the census before. These were Pied-Billed Grebe, Cedar Waxwing, Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, and Towhee. Little Gull and Myrtle Warblers had been observed on only one previous census; kingfishers and white-throated sparrow on two. The Goshawk seen on West Grand Island is the first for the census in eleven years.

Bonaparte's Gulls were more than twice as numerous as any earlier census, and Ring-billed Gulls were present in unprecedented numbers for this season.

Prairie Horned Lark, Short-eared Owl, Meadowlark, Snow Bunting and Longspur were, surprisingly, missed.

The leaders wish to thank all those who participated. The excellent list attests to their zeal.

John Filer
Norman Keim

BUFFALO AUDUBON SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CENSUS

December 28, 1947. Leaders, Kathryn and Eugenia Praemassing

Territory - Hamburg, Orchard Park, East Aurora, N. Y., centering on Chestnut Ridge Park and including Emery Park. Open farmlands 60%; public parks 10%; suburban areas 5%, deciduous woods 15%, cattail marsh 1%, evergreen woods 4%, small ponds and 1 mile of Lake Erie shore 5%. Wind n.w., 25 m.p.h. Snow varying from a ground cover to one foot drifts. 27 observers in thirteen parties. 7:30 A.M. to 7 P.M. Total hours. 72½ in the field, 84 miles on foot.

Census Territories:

A - West Seneca (1)
(2) South of Southwestern Blvd., north of Big Tree Road, West of Transit Road - W. Almendinger, L. Wendt

B - South of Big Tree Road, west of Route 227, north of Route 240 - E. Windsor, E. Jones, K. Praemassing

C - East of Transit Road, north of Big Tree Road, South & West of Route 78-A.Wander

D - N.E. end of territory, east of Route 78, including Sinking Ponds -F.Tilley, R.Knoble

E - Route 240 on east, Route 8 on south and Route 18 on west-F.G.Row, W.Burch, F.M.Row

F - West of South Park Avenue, north to Woodlawn; south to Southwestern Blvd. - A.J.Wright

G - Emery Park D. Gamble, C. deLeeuw

H - South of Big Tree Road, East of Davis Road, west of Center St., north of Falls Road C. Knox, D. Gamble

I - South to Golden ~~Road~~, north to Falls Road, east of Route 240 to edge of circle F. Tilley, R. Knoble

J - North of Omphalius Road, south of Gartman Road, west to Route 219 and 277, east to Route 240 Mr. and Mrs. McShane

K - (1) Gartman Road on south, Route 240 on the north and east, Route 277 on the west - E. Seeber, G. Diem, J. Filer

(2) North to Newton Street, west to Route 219, South and east to Route 277, G. Diem, E. Seeber, J. Filer

L - Route 62 on west, Big Tree Road on north, Route 277 on east, Newton Street on the south. Mr. and Mr. James Creighton

M - (1) Hamburg - Southwestern Blvd. on north; Route 62 and 219 on the east; Schweickhardt and Kehe Roads on south, edge of circle on west.

(2) South of Kehe Road and Schweickhardt Road, west of Route 219 and south to edge of circle - H. Mitchell, B. Nathan, W. Dugan.

Am. Goldeneye 4 F; Cooper's Hawk 1 G; Red-tailed Hawk 2 A; Marsh Hawk 1 E; Sparrow Hawk 2 F; Ruffed Grouse 6 G-K; Ring-necked Pheasant 20; Herring Gull 35; Long-eared Owl 1 F; Flicker 1 A; Yellow-b. Sapsucker 1 G; Hairy Woodpecker 2 A, G; Downy Woodpecker 22; Blue Jay 11; Crow 143; Black-capped Chickadee 126; White-br. Nuthatch 9; Brown Creeper 5; Bluebird 2D; Golden-cr. Kinglet 9; Starling 388; English Sparrow 428; Red-wing 2 A-L; Cardinal 7; Common Redpoll 9; Pine Siskin 1 M; Goldfinch 2 M; Slate-col. Junco 66; Tree Sparrow 39; Fox Sparrow 4 B; Song Sparrow 2 D-G; Lapland Longspur 3 K; Snow Bunting 610 (500 K). Total 33 species; 1964 individuals.

The second Christmas consus taken by the Audubon Society closed with a total of 33 species and 1964 individuals as compared with 34 species, 2739 individuals last year. The 1947 consus brought in ten new species not seen last year, - Red-tailed Hawk, Long-eared Owl, Flicker, Yellow-b. Sapsucker, Bluebird, Red-wing, Pine Siskin, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow and Lapland Longspur, but 1946 season had eleven species not seen this year - Am. Merganser, Iceland Gull; Prairie-horned Lark, Red-br. Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwing; Northern Shrike, Cowbird, Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill and Red-eyes Towhee. Using the figures from these two years, it can be estimated that as many as 44 species may possibly be seen in a single year. It will be interesting to follow this territory through the years to see if this goal is ever attained.

The leaders are very grateful to Mr. Mitchell for his never-tiring efforts and assistance. They thank him and all others who participated in the consus.

Kathryn and Eugenia Praemassing

NOTES

A belated "Thank you" to Wheeler Rogerson, whose letterx should have been acknowledged in our last issue. He reports that during November his backyard residents and visitors included a pair of Cardinals, two to ten robins, four to six Blue Jays, two to ten Juncos, a Song Sparrow, two to six Chickadees, two Goldfinches, two Downies, and one Hairy (all these every day); a Myrtle Warbler the 1st, ten G.C. Kinglets up to the 12th, two Rusty Blackbirds on the 3rd, one Fox Sparrow on the 4th, a Brown Creeper from the 8th to the 29th, and two Cedar Waxwings on the 18th. A visit to Wheeler's home is worth while at any season.

C. S. Beardslee

Rochester Bird Records for December, as reported by W.L.G. Edson include Double-Crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Gannet, Whistling Swan, Bald Eagle, Coot, Mourning Dove, Prairie-Horned Lark and Purple Finch for the week ending on the 5th.

During the following week, Common Loon, Winter Wren, Ruby-cr. Kinglet, Myrtle Warbler, Northern Yellow-throat, Goldfinch, White-throated and Swamp Sparrows were among the birds seen.

Blue Goose, Ruddy Duck and Long-eared Owl were included in the list for the following week, while the list for Christmas week, and including the Christmas census, resulted in a list of at least 62 species. Among the more unusual were Pied-Billed Grebe, Gannet, Green-winged Teal, Virginia Rail, Red-bellied Woodpecker at Honeoye Lake, Hermit Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warbler, Meadowlark, Redpoll and White-throated Sparrow.

H. D. Mitchell

Please send your records to Donald Gamble, 163 Audubon Drive, Snyder 21, N. Y., who compiles them before final checking by the statisticians. By so doing you can facilitate the work of publication.

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FUTURE EVENTS

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Audubon Society Events

Wednesday, February 4th - 8 P.M. Meeting Humboldt Room, Museum. Miss Brown and Miss Dahl will give a report on the Greenwich, Conn., Nature Camp of the National Audubon Society.

Saturday, February 14th - 1:30 P.M. Visit Audubon feeding stations. Meet Delaware Avenue and Rumsey Rd. entrance to Park. Leader Miss Mary Ellis (Ga. 4815)

Sunday, February 22nd: - 3 P. M. Audubon Screen Tour, Auditorium, Museum. William Ferguson "This Curious World".

Sunday, February 29th: - 10 A. M. Field Trip, Chestnut Ridge Park. Meet Genesee St., side City Hall 10 A.M., or Seneca & Cazenovia at 10:15 A.M. Take lunch; will have fire for broiling wieners. Leader, Betty Tilley. (Li. 7072).

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BUFFALO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Schedule of Meetings and Field Trips

1948

There is set forth below a schedule of meetings and field trips for the calendar year 1948. The schedule for each month will be printed in "The Prothonotary", as in the past, and any changes in this schedule and details as to time and place of meeting for field trips will be published there. All meetings of the Society will be held at 8:00 P.M. in the Humboldt Room of the Buffalo Museum of Science unless otherwise indicated.

MEETINGS

Wed., Jan. 14	Report on the Christmas Census, by John Filor and Norman Kein, leaders; Program by the Conservation Committee, Winston Brockner, Chairman.
Wed., Jan. 28	Motion Pictures and Report on the Audubon Nature Camp in Maine, by Francis Tilley.
Wed., Feb. 11	"Are Birds Really Necessary? - A Frank Appraisal", by Dr. Harold Axtell.
Wed., Feb. 25	"Experiences at the S.P.C.A." An illustrated lecture by Charles Epes.
Wed., March 10	"Birds and Plants of the Bermuda Islands", an illustrated lecture by Fred Hall, Genesee Ornithological Society, Rochester, New York.
Wed., March 24	Plans for the Spring Duck Census, by Robert Andrle, leader; Symposium on Migration Studies, by members of the Research Committee, Bernard Nathan, Chairman.
Wed., April 14	Report on the Spring Duck Census, by Robert Andrle, leader; Birding on the Way to Sweden, by Axel Heilborn.
Sat., April 24	Field trip and dinner meeting. Birding Experiences at Churchill, Manitoba, by Dr. Hazel Ellis, Eaton Bird Club, Geneva, New York.
Wed., April 28	No meeting.
Wed., May 12	Plans for the Spring Census, by Edward Ulrich, leader. Status of the Ruffed Grouse in western New York, by James Creighton; Symposium on Breeding Localities, by members of the Research Committee.
Wed., May 26	Report on the Spring Census, by Edward Ulrich, leader. Plans for the June Distribution Census, by Bernard Nathan, leader; Plans for Breeding Birds Censuses, by various leaders.
Wed., June 9	Picnic Supper and Meeting. Old Fort Erie, Ontario; William Almendinger, leader.

Wed., June 23	Picnic Supper and Meeting. Como Park, Lancaster; Miss Praemassing, leader.
Wed., Sept. 8	Picnic Supper and Meeting. Elco Beach, Shirkston, Ontario; Mrs. Rosa, leader.
Sat., Sept. 18	Field trip and dinner meeting. Speaker, James L. Baillie, Jr., Toronto Field Naturalists' Club. Topic and place of meeting to be announced. Plans for the Fall Duck Census, by Clark S. Beardslee, leader.
Wed., Sept. 22	No meeting.
Wed., Oct. 13	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.
Wed., Oct. 27	Results of the Fall Duck Census, by Clark S. Beardslee, leader; Results of June Distribution Census and Breeding Bird Censuses, by various leaders.
Wed., Nov. 10	Recent Motion Pictures, by Robert Hermes.
Wed., Dec. 8	Plans for the Christmas Census.

FIELD TRIPS

Sun., Jan. 11	Hamburg and vicinity. Leader: James Creighton (Hamburg 732).
Sat., Jan. 24	Niagara Loop. Leader: Ellen Windsor (Amherst 3570).
Sat., Feb. 21	East Aurora and vicinity. Leader: Winston Brockner (Elmwood 6888).
Sun., Feb. 29	Wilson and vicinity. Leader, Bernard Nathan (Grant 8020).
Sun., March 14	Grand Island. Leader: Cyril Wolfling (Un. 7077).
Sat., March 20	Niagara Loop. Leader: Sarah Knight (Grant 6635).
Sun., April 4	Spring Duck Census. Leader: Robert Andrle (Pa. 1411).
Sun., April 11	Oak Orchard Swamp. Joint trip with Toronto Field Naturalists' Club. Leader: William C. Vaughan (Parkside 0384).
Sat., April 24	Oak Orchard Swamp, followed by dinner meeting. Leader: William C. Vaughan (Parkside 0384).
Sat., May 1	Saturday morning bird walks begin. Delaware Park and Forest Lawn Cemetery. Meet 6:30 A.M., Rumsey Road and Windsor Avenue.
Sat. & Sun., May 1-2	Pymatuning trip. Leader, Harold Mitchell (University 8532).
Sun., May 9	LeRoy, N.Y. Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Ulrich (Pa. 8896).

Sun., May 16	Spring Census. Leader: Edward C. Ulrich (Pa. 8896).
Sat. & Sun., May 22-23	Long Point, Ontario. Leader, Donald Gamble (Parkside 9206).
Sat, Sun, and Mon., May 29, 30 & 31	Southern Michigan, for Sandhill Cranes and Kirtland's Warbler. Leader: Harold D. Mitchell (University 8532).
Sun., June 6	Balsam Bog, Freedom, N.Y. Leader: Edward L. Seeber (Riverside 8739).
Sun., June 13	Frewsburg, Lake Chautauqua and Dunkirk marsh. Leaders: Kathryn Praemassing (Pa. 1088) and Robert Sundell.
Sun., June 20	June Distribution Census. Leader: Bernard Nathan (Grant 8020).
Sat., Sun., and Mon., July 3, 4 & 5:	Bradford, Ontario, and Severn River area. Leader: Bernard Nathan (Grant 8020).
Sun., July 18	Canadian shore. Leader: John Filor (Bailey 4597).
Sun., Aug. 8	Shore Bird Count. Leader: Edward L. Seeber (Ri.8739)
Sun., Aug. 22	Trip to see Egrets; place to be announced. Leader: Harold D. Mitchell (University 8532).
Sun., Sept. 12	Niagara Loop. Leader: Winston Brockner (Elmwood 6888).
Sat., Sept. 18	Field trip (details to be announced later), followed by dinner meeting.
Sat., Sept. 25	Tifft Street and Woodlawn. Leader, A.J. Wright II (Cleveland 5454).
Sat., Oct. 2	Buffalo Harbor and Niagara River. Leader: William Almendinger (Washington 5136).
Sun., Oct. 17	Fall Duck Census. Leader: Clark S. Beardslee (Riverside 4818).
Sun., Nov. 7	LeRoy, N.Y. Leader: Edward C. Ulrich (Parkside 8896).
Sun., Dec. 19	Christmas Census.

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The Month

New Year's Day saw the ground covered with such a heavy coat of ice that few motorists dared to venture on the highways. Icy conditions prevailed over much of the month, particularly during the first two weeks. As a whole, January was a real winter month. The first twelve days were slightly warmer than normal, while the balance of the month was severely cold, averaging more than ten degrees below normal, with the mercury failing to go below ten above at Buffalo on only three of the last eighteen days. Temperatures far below zero were recorded in the villages of Western New York during most of this period. Snow fell on every day of the month except the eleventh, but there was no heavy fall, and total snowfall was below normal. Our prediction that no incursion of northern finches was to be expected this winter still looks good. Several other phenomena are worth mention also. I had occasion to drive from Buffalo straight south to Warren, Pa., on the 7th. So far as birding was concerned, I had time only to stop at likely spots and hold my left ear at arm's length out the car window. I heard nothing whatever until I was well into Chautauqua County. There I found many groups of Chickadees, Nuthatches, Woodpeckers, Tree Sparrows, and Juncos. There seemed to be good numbers of these birds over the state line also. The return trip was exactly the same. Sundell tells me that land birds are common around Jamestown, while Mitchell, Nathan, Vaughan, Brockner and Andrle all report exceptional scarcity of these species in Erie and Niagara Counties. Even those of our members who maintain feeding stations report almost none. On the other hand, Cardinals are not only reported doing business as usual at the Rogerson, Heilborn and Wander stations, but have been present in the yards of Larkin and Miss Windsor, which is unusual. Bonaparte's Gulls were present in good numbers until the cold wave, but then they left abruptly, and surprisingly enough, the Herring Gulls disappeared too. Considering their abundance on our Christmas consus, it is amazing to find their numbers so depleted that, as Mitchell and Nathan point out, there are about as many Black-backed as Herring Gulls around Buffalo Harbor and upper Niagara River. Rough-legged Hawks were not reported at all, this being the first January in many years when they were not reported.

C. S. Beardslee

Send Noteworthy Records by the seventh of the following month to:
Donald J. Gamble,
163 Audubon Drive, Snyder 21, N. Y.

Noteworthy Records

L - denotes last record for season

Holboell's Grebe	Jan. 11	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Murphy
Horned Grebe	" 2	3	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, et al
	" 3	1	" "	Mitchell, et al
Gr. Blue Heron	" 2	1	Thorn Thicket, G.I.	Andrle, et al
	" 3	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 11	2	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Murphy
	" 11	1	Outlet, Jamestown	Eldorkin
B.Cr.Night Heron	" 24	4	Forest Lawn	Jamison, et al
Mallard	" 29	2	Gowanda	Gamble
Black Duck	" 3	9	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Gamble
	" 10	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Wood Duck	Dec.27 L	1	Lyndonville-(Killed by Cooper's Hawk)	Smith
Redhead	Jan. 3	2	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, et al
	" 27	1	Celoron	Lenna
Canvasback	"3,4,25,27	1,1,3,4	Outlet, Chautauqua L.	Sundell, et al
Lesser Scaup	Jan. 3	1	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al
Wht.-w.Scoter	" 2	3	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, et al
	" 3	7	River and Gorge	Mitchell, et al
	" 3,4	1	Outlet, Chautauqua L.-	Sundell, et al
	" 11	2	Gorge (Niagara)	Heilborn
Ruddy Duck	" 2	1	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, et al
	" 8	1	Bird Island	Mitchell
	" 11	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Murphy
Hooded Merganser	" 10,11	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, Heilborn, et al
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 25	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 27	1	Celoron	Lenna
Cooper's Hawk	" 1,11,15,23,26	-1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 20,25	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 4	1	Tifft St.	Gamble
	" 21	1	Hamburg-broke wing in bush, caught alive-	Griffin, rep. Mitchell
	" 27	1	Gowanda	Sundell
	" 27	1	Irving	Axtell et al
Red-tailed Hawk	" 3	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 3	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, et al
	" 11	1	Hamburg	Creightons, et al
	" 18	1	Thorn Thicket, G.I.	Gamble, et al
	" 29	1	Gowanda	Gamble
	" 31	4	Niagara County	Mitchell, et al
Red-shouldered Hawk	" 11	1	Outlet, Chautauqua L.-	Eldorkin
Bald Eagle	" 2	1	Beaver Isl., G.I.	Andrle, et al
	" 3	1	Strawberry Is.	Mitchell, et al
	" 18	1	" & Beaver Is. -	Axtell, Thorpe, et al
Marsh Hawk	" 2	2,2	Grand Is., Wilson	Andrle, et al
	" 3	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 24	1	Niagara Falls Blvd.	Jamison, et al
	" 31	1	Brock's Monument, Ont.	Mitchell, et al
Ruffed Grouse	" 11	3	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Murphy
Glaucous Gull	" 10	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, et al
	" 31	1	Queenston, Ont.	Mitchell, et al
Ring-billed Gull	" 3	12	Niagara River	" " "
	" 10	20	" "	" " "
	" 11	1	Lake Shore Road	Creightons, et al
	" 25	1	Irving	Axtell, et al
	" 30	2	Bird Island	Reschke, Knoble

Bonaparte's Gull	Jan. 3,10	300,500	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al
	" 11 L	20	Lake Shore Road	Creightons, et al
Little Gull	" 3	1	Porter Avenue	Nathan, et al
	" 11 L	1	Bird Is.	" " "
Mourning Dove	" 3	3	Lowbanks, Ont.	Gamble
	" 3	7	Wainfleet, Ont.	"
	" 11	1	Grand Island	Gamble, Andrle
Screech Owl	" 6	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 13	1	Sheridan Dr.& Colvin Ave.-Gamble	
	" 13,14	2	Lincoln Park	Gamble
	" 25,26	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	# 30	1	Delaware Pk.(Flushed from cattails!)	Roscho, Andrle, et al /Knoble
Great Horned Owl	" 2	1	Wilson	
	" 20	4	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 31	1	Brock's Monument,Ont.-Axtell	
Flicker	" 1-15	1	Jewett Pky.	Jamison
	" 2	2	Beaver Is.	Andrle,et al
	" 7	1	LaSalle,N.Y.	Heilborn
	" 7	1	Snyder	Gamble
	" 25	8	Irving	Axtell, et al
Pileated Woodpecker	Dec. 28	2	Holland	Schwenger
Red-headed Woodpecker	Jan. 18	1	Beaver Island	Gamble, et al
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	" 25	1	Irving	Axtell, et al
Prairie Horned Lark	Jan. 3	1	East Aurora	Wild
	" 5	1	North Buffalo	Andrle
	" 25	1	Irving	Axtell, et al
Winter Wren	through month		Snyder	Gamble
Robin	Jan. 17	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 22	1	North Buffalo	Mrs. Diems
	" 25,28	1	Outlet,Chautauqua L.-Parker	
	" 31	1	Brock's Monument,Ont.	Almendinger,et al
Hermit Thrush	" 5	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	" 1,3	1	LaSalle,N.Y.	Heilborn
Cedar Waxwing	" 11	50	Hamburg	Creightons, et al
	" 24,25	30,20	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 25	80 plus	-Shore of L.Erie,S.of Bflo.	Axtell, et al
	" 29	25	Jamestown	Beal
Meadowlark	" 8	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Redwing	" 11	1	Squaw Is.	Nathan
	"17,22,23	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Cowbird	" 2	1	"	"
Cardinal	" 25	18	Irving	Axtell, et al
Purple Finch	" 11	4	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 31	2	Brock's Monument,Ont.	Mitchell, et al
Pine Siskin	" 11	150	Hamburg	Creightons,Seeber
Goldfinch	" 2	1	Youngstown	Andrle, et al
	" 11	2	Pt.Abino, Ont.	Murphy
	" 11	2	Hamburg	Creightons, et al
	" 17	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 25	2	Irving	Axtell, et al
	" 31	2	Brock's Monument,Ont.	Axtell,Nathan
Song Sparrow	All Month	1	North Buffalo	Andrle
	Jan. 4	1	Tifft St.	Gamble
	" 4	2	Outlet,Chautauqua L.-Parker	
	" 25	6	Irving	Axtell, et al
	" 11,26	1,3	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 11	2	Hamburg	Creightons, et al
	" 11	1	Squaw Is.	Nathan
	" 10	1	Chippewa,Ont.	Mitchell, et al
	" 21	1	LaSalle,N.Y.	Heilborn
	" 29	2	Gowanda,N.Y.	Gamble

Lapland Longspur	Jan. 5	1	North Buffalo	Andrlo
	" 11	1	Hamburg	Creightons, Seeber
Snow Bunting	" 3	1,14	LongBeach,Mohawk Pt.,Ont	- Gamble
	" 7	80	Dayton	Boardslee
	" 11	150	Hamburg	Creightons, et al
	" 16	25	Gasport	Mitchell
	" 17	6	North Boston	Mitchell, et al
	" 24	60	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 27	30	Kennedy	Sundell
	" 28	400 plus	Brockton	Sundell

Also reported were: Greater Scaup Duck, American Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Old Squaw, American Merganser, Red-br. Merganser, Sparrow Hawk, Ring-n. Pheasant, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Rock Dove, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Blue Jay, Crow, Black-c. Chickadee, Wht.-br. Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-cr. Kinglet, Starling, English Sparrow, Slate-col. Junco and Tree Sparrow.

Total No. of Species to January 31,1948 - 66

Please note error in January 1948 Prothonotary, No. of Species for 1947 should be 262 - not 260.

We are printing in this issue the results of the breeding records as compiled by the Research Committee for the season of 1947. The Committee used, as a basis for this consus, the information from the cards upon which our members filled in their records of nesting observations. A new supply of cards has been printed and shall be ready for distribution for use during the coming nesting season. The Committee offers its thanks to the members who by their contributions have made these results possible, and with the same co-operation has plans for a similar project in 1948.

- Editor

SUMMARY OF BREEDING RECORDS

1947 Season - Only Definite Data Listed.

Amer. Bittern	6 eggs	June 29th	Port Maitland, Ont.	W. Brecknor
Least Bittern	5 eggs	June 29th	" " "	D. Gamble
Mallard	10 eggs	May 16th	Niagara Falls	E. A. Eames
"	9 "	" 9th	Oak Orchard	Covey
"	10 "	April 26th	Forest Lawn	H. D. Mitchell
"	6 "	" 26th	" "	" " "
"	14 "	" "	" "	" " "
Wood Duck	6 young,	May 25th	Grand River	D. Pause, et al
" "	11 "	June 22nd	Findlay Lake	R. Sundell
" "	7 "	" "	Clymer	" "
Blue-winged Teal	11 eggs	May 30th	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	W. Brecknor
Ruddy Duck	4 young	June 26th	Mud Lake, Welland Co.	Mrs. J. A. Selby
Ruffed Grouse	10 eggs	May 4th -10 young hatched June 1st-Zoar Valley,		Brettle et al
" "	15 eggs	May 10th	Jamestown	Lenna, et al
Pheasant	6 eggs	May 12th	Delaware Park	Nathan
"	6 young	Aug. 19th	" "	Praemassing
Florida Gallinule	4 young	July 21st	Castile	Mr. & Mrs. Van Arsdale
Killdeer	many nests-earliest May 10th, Tifft St., latest July 14th			Dewittville
Woodcock	3 young	May 24th	Eden	Mrs. Conaty

Black Tern	3 eggs	June 29th	Port Maitland, Ont.	D. Gamble
Mourning Dove	Many nests-earliest May 3rd, Forest Lawn; Latest May 29th, LeRoy, NY.			
Great Horned Owl	Eggs	March 15th	Buckhorn Island	Andrle
" " "	1 young	March 8th	Grand Island	Nathan
" " "	3 "	May 30th	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Andrle
" " "	Young	June 1st	Zoar Valley	Mitchell
Screech Owl	3 young	June 10th	Jamestown	C. Parker
Kingfisher	1 young	June 24th	Lockport	H.G.Thorpe
"	5 "	" 30th	Gasport	" "
Nighthawk	2 "	June 20th	Buffalo	G. Webster
Flicker		May 1st	LeRoy	Barbara Woodward
"	2 young	July 4th	Queenston, Ont.	Mildred Rosa
"	4 "	July 8th	S.W.Blvd.	Dr. Fretz
Rough-winged Swallow-2 eggs		June 5th	Gasport	H. G. Thorpe
Bank Swallow	2000 pair nesting from Mohawkmto Rockhouse Point, Ont., June 29th, H. D. Mitchell, et al			
Bank Swallow	4 eggs	June 3rd	Gasport	H. G. Thorpe
" "	75 nests	June 3rd	Niagara County	" " "
" "	10 nests	June 8th	Arcade	B. Nathan
Cliff Swallow	27 "	" 28th	South Dayton	B.Nathan, et al
" "	10 "	" 3rd	Wyandale Rd.	H. G. Thorpe
" "	12 "	" 1st	Langford	H. D. Mitchell
" "	50 "	May 18th	Cherry Creek	H. D. Mitchell
" "	20 "	" 25th	E. Concord	H. G. Thorpe
Tree Swallow	2 eggs	June 8th	Lyndonville	K. Praemassing
Alder Flycatcher	3 young	July 12th	Dewittville	R. Sundell
Least "	2 young	July 23rd	Frewsburg	R. Sundell
Wood Pewee	3 eggs	Aug. 5th	Zoar Valley	W. Wild
Phoebe - Many nests, earliest May 4th, Barcelona, C.Beal; latest June 28th, Bertie Bay, H. D. Mitchell.				
Prairie Horned Lark, completed nest Apr. 9th			Buffalo	R. Wagner
Crow	Eggs	May 4th	Pt.Colbourne, Ont.	B. Nathan
Catbird	4 eggs	May 28th	LeRoy	Barbara Woodward
House Wren	Many nests			
Prairie Marsh Wren	6 nests with young, June 29th			Brockner & Gamble
Robin - First nest April 22nd, Lyndonville; last June 1st, Zoar Valley				
Wood Thrush - First nest June 1st; last June 28th (Zoar Valley & Bertie Bay respectively)				
Veery	4 eggs	June 1st	Zoar Valley	Brettle, et al
"	1 egg	" "	" "	" " "
Bluebird -First nest May 9th Williamsville, Miss Wendling; last June 7th, New Oregon, Miss H. Thorpe.				
Migrant Shrike	7 eggs	May 18th	Dunnville Marsh	Nathan, et al
Migrant "	6 eggs	May 24th	Tonawanda Reservation	Andrle, Boyle
Red-eyed Vireo	1 egg	June 1st	Zoar Valley	Mitchell, et al
Male Golden-Winged Warbler) 5 young, June 26th - Cattaraugus Reservation,				
Female Brewster's ")			Wright, Mitchell, et al	
Nashville Warbler	5 eggs	June 1st	Zoar Valley	Vaughan, Nathan, et al
Yellow Warbler -First nest June 7th, New Oregon; last June 11th, Fort Erie, Ont.				
Hooded Warbler	4 eggs		Jamestown	Lenna
Louisiana Water Thrush-5 eggs			Westfield	J. Osborne
Mourning Warbler, feeding young June 29th Zoar Valley				Brettle
No.Yellow-throat	2 eggs	June 8th	Freedom	Seeber
Red-wing Blackbird	4 eggs, 1 egg -May 23rd-LeRoy			B. Woodward
" "	2 yg., 2 yg., 3 yg.; June 29th Port Maitland, Ont.-Gamble			
Baltimore Oriole	Nest	May 16th	Williamsville	M. Wendling
Rose-breasted Grosbeak-2 eggs			Zoar Valley	Mitchell, et al
Cardinal	2 eggs	April 15th	Niagara Falls	Mrs. Tryon
"	3 young	June 8th	Brockport	G. Guelf

Purple Finch	1 yg.	July 16th	Dewittville	Sundell
" "	1 yg.	June 29th	So.Dayton	G. Webster
Indigo Bunting	1 yg.	June 26th		B. Wright
Savannah Sparrow	4 eggs	July 3rd	Buffalo	Roscho
	3 yg. July 14th - left nest July 23rd			
Vesper Sparrow	2 eggs, 2 yg. June 24th Youngstown			Pechorman
Field Sparrow	5 nests	June 1st	Zoar Valley	Brettle et al
Chipping Sparrow	1 egg & 1 cowbird egg-May 23rd-LeRoy			B. Woodward
Chipping "	4 eggs	June 5th	New Oregon	H. G. Thorpe
Song Sparrow	Many nests, earliest May 16th, LaSalle; latest July 1st, New Oregon			

NOTES

Rochester Bird Notes for January as reported by W. L. G. Edson in general were comparable with our own, as there was a lack of the northern finches, which so often in winter visit Durant Eastman Park and other Monroe County locations. Among the usual summer resident or migrant birds which are spending the winter are Marsh Hawk, Coot, Mourning Dove, Flicker, Prairie Horned Lark, Winter Wren, Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Redwing, Meadowlark, Goldfinch, White-throated, Swamp and Song Sparrows; Bonaparte's Gulls were seen in the first half of the month only. In late December a Pipit was observed, the first December record that Mr. Edson can recall.

Professor Wm. P. Alexander reports that near his home on Ravenswood Terrace, Snyder, the Starlings have acquired a habit of perching on the edges of chimneys during the coldest days. They perch side by side, apparently enjoying the heat arising from the chimneys.

H. D. Mitchell

We have at the present time recut stencils for reprints of back issues of the Prothonotary. There now offers an opportunity for anyone interested, to complete their files by filling in the missing numbers. These shall be printed as soon as the Committee knows what the requests for back numbers will be. Please send your requests to the business manager or editor. The cost of the reprints will be determined by the number of requests.

Editor

FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trips

Sunday, February 29th - Wilson and vicinity. Leader, Bernard Nathan (Gr.8020). Meet at Elmwood and Hertel Avenues 8 A. M.

Sunday, March 14th - Grand Island, - Leader, Cyril Wolfling (Un.7077). Meet at Delaware and Hertel Avenues 8:30 A. M.

Saturday, March 20th - Niagara Loop, Leader Sarah Knight (Gr. 6635) Meet at Peace Bridge 1 P. M.

Meetings

Wednesday, February 25th - Illustrated Talk: "Bird Experiences at the S.P.C.A." by Charles Epes. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, March 10th - Illustrated Talk: "Birds and Plants of the Bermuda Islands" by Frank Hall of Rochester, member of the Genesee Ornithological Society, Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, March 24th - "Migration Studies," Symposium by members of the Research Committee. Spring Duck Consus Plans, Leader Robert Andrle, (Pa. 1411) Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Audubon Society Events

Sunday, February 29th - Field Trip, Chestnut Ridge Park - Meet Genesee Street side of City Hall 10 A. M. or Seneca and Cazenovia at 10:15 A.M. Take lunch. We will have a fire for broiling wieners. Leader Betty Tilley, (Li. 7072)

Wednesday, March 3rd - 6:30 P. M. ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER. Election of officers. Town Club. Speaker: Harold Axtell, "Bird Songs". Reception for members and guests 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Call Li. 7072 for reservations by February 22nd. (805 Delaware Avenue)

Sunday, March 21st - 9 A. M. Field Trip, Clarence Sinks. Meet Main Street City Line at end of No. 8 car line. Take lunch. Leader, Francis T. Tilley. (Li. 7072)

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The Month

The cold wave of the latter half of January continued through the first fifteen days of February. The last two weeks of the month, however, were enough warmer to bring the February mean to a point slightly above the average. The pattern of precipitation was similar, with snow falling on the thirteen of the first fourteen days, and many beautiful sunny days characterizing the balance of the month. Bearing in mind this division of the month into equal periods, it is interesting to study the records below of the Robin, Cedar Waxwing, and Song Sparrow. Rough-legged Hawks were finally reported, but this winter has been a very poor one for Rough-legs and Red-tails. When we take an extended trip through the countryside in a winter month, we confidently expect to see several individuals of these two species silhouetted against the sky as they perch in a lone tree off in the field. But this year we have seen almost none of them. Chickadees, nuthatches, and kinglets remained scarce. Mitchell reports that his party saw 59 pheasants on their trip to Brockport; approximately half were cock birds. Mitchell's observation that these birds increased considerably due to the closed season in 1947, is supported by my own experience in finding 50 pheasants in one field off the Millersport Highway. Northern finches were still conspicuously absent —— the poorest winter for them in many years. Canvasbacks and Greater Scaups came in good numbers shortly before the middle of the month, being reported by Gertrude Webster and Marie Wendling from Grand Island on the 17 th. There were about 3000 of them, approximately evenly divided, off the thorn thicket on the 15 th. Doubtless they will divide their time between this spot and the area north of the eastern shore of Beaver Island, for the next several weeks. It has been an interesting winter

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* – denotes new specie for 1948.
F – " first record of season.
( ) – " noteworthy numbers.

*Pintail	Feb. 28 F	4	Outlet, Jamestown	Elderkin
Redhead	" 12	2	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 22	4	Celeron	Beal
	" 23,29	6,27	Outlet, Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 28	12	" "	Elderkin

*Ring-necked Duck	Feb. 12	2	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
	" 22	1	Celeron	Beal
	" 23,29	1,13	Outlet, Jamestown	Lenna,Powers
Canvasback	" 12	(1400)	Grand Island	Webster, Wendling
Hooded Merganser	" 2	1	Chippawa, Ont.	Andrle, Murphy
Sharp-shinned Hawk	" 11-13	1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 12	1	Lydonville	Smith
	" 19	1	Leroy	Mitchell, Beardslee
Cooper's Hawk	" 5	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 22	1	" "	Gamble
Red-shouldered Hawk	" 21	1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
*Rough-legged Hawk	" 12	2	Grand Island	Webster,Wendling
	" 21	1	Brockport	Nathan
	29	1	Niagara Falls	Wright
Bald Eagle	Two at Beaver Is. until one was shot, latter three were seen.			
	Feb. 21	2	Navy Is.,Ont.(at nest)	Wright
Marsh Hawk	Numerous reports of 3 all month on Grand Is.			
	Feb. 6	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 2	1	Amherst	Andrle, Murphy
*Gyrfalcon	" 29	1	Lewiston	Wright
*Iceland Gull	" 2	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle, Murphy
Great Black-b. Gull	" 21	(43)	Buflo. lake front.	Brockner, et al
Herring Gull	" 21	(103)	" " "	" " "
Ring-billed Gull	" 29	1	Outlet,Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
*Barred Owl	" 23	1	Fluvanna	" "
*Long-eared Owl	" 21	2	Buckhorn Is. (pines)	Andrle,Murphy
*Short-eared Owl	" 2	1	Whitechapel Cem.	Andrle,Murphy
*Belted Kingfisher	Jan. 18	1	Niagara Falls	Himegartner
Flicker	one all winter at Castile			Thompson
	Feb. 16	1	Snyder	Hayer
*Pileated Woodpecker	Jan. 31	1	East Aurora	Glick
	Feb. 6	1	Zoar Valley	"
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	" 21	1	Outlet,Jamestown	Lenna,Powers
Prairie Horned Lark	" 8 F	3	Grand Is.	Thorpe
	" 8 F	1	Hamlin	Mitchell, et al
	" 12	4	Grand Is.	Webster,Wendling
	" 14	3	Holland	Becker
	" 15	2	LaSalle Quarry	Rosche
	" 15	6	Grand Is,	Beardslee
	" 19	2	near Chili	Mitchell,Beardslee
	" 21	11	Fuhrman Blvd.	Brockner, et al
	Records numerous thereafter.			
Chickadee	" 19	(26)	Horsehoe Lake	Mitchell, Beardslee
*Red-br. Nuthatch	" 19	1	" "	" "
Winter Wren	" 2	1	Dufferin Is.,Ont.	Andrle,Murphy
	" 15	1	Goat Is.	Knox
Robin	" 1	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Savage
	" 1	1	Tanakak	Schmahl
	" 19	(4)	West Falls	Matlocks
	" 20	1	Buflo.	Eames
	(In yard ever since.)			
	" 22	1	Harlem Rd.	Burns
	" 25	1	LaSalle	Heilborn
	" 27	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	" 28	3	Grand Island	Wallaces
	" 28	2	Busti	Beal
	" 29	6	Buflo.(various places.)	Courier Express
	" 29	1	Castile	Thompson
	" 29	(5)	Jamestown	Elderkin
*Bluebird	" 8	2	Hamlin	Mitchell, et al

Cedar Waxwing	Feb. 15,21	1,10	Chautaugua,Flvanna	Powers
	" 18	14	Jamestown	Elderkin
	" 19	22	West Falls	Matlocks
	" 21	6	Fluvanna	Lenna,Powers
	" 21	36	East Aurora	Brockner,et al
	" 23	35	Zoar Valley	Gamble
	" 29	20	Olcott	Nathan,et al
	" 29	100	Emery Park and vic.	Tilley
*Northern Shrike	" 15	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 29	3	Niagara Co.	Nathan, et al
Red-wing	" 5	4	Tifft St.	Axtells
	" 14	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell,et al
	" 21	2	Fuhrmann Blvd.	Brockner,et al
Purple Finch	" 22	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Goldfinch	" 22	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Song Sparrow	Jan. 1 all month		Niagara Falls	Himegartner
	" 1 all winter		Holland	James
	Feb. 2 all month		Grand Island	Wallaces
	" 1-20	1	No. Buflo.	Andrle
	" 2	2	Dufferin Is.	" ,Murphy
	" 13-29	1	La Salle	Heilborn
	" 14	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell,et al
	" 18	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	" 23	1	Celeron	Lenna,Powers
	" 23	1	Forest Lawn	Roscho,Knoble
	" 25	1	Buffalo	Seeber
	" 26	1	Kenmore	"
Snow Bunting	" 5	135	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 8	225	Hamlin, Medina	Mitchell, et al
	" 8	25	Yorkshire	Pratt
	" 12	25	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 14	86	Fuhrman Blvd.	Almendinger, et al
	" 18	2	East Aurora	Doyle
	" 21	25	Fuhrman Blvd.	Brockner, et al
	" 24	17	" "	Eames, Mitcell

25 members reporting.

Number of species up to Jan. 31 - 68
" " " " " Feb. 29 - 81

Records in Jan. Prothonotary which read Jamison,et al should read Windsor,et al.

Our Cardinals - 1947

Our pair of lovely Cardinals (Prothonotary, March 1947) stayed with us through out the winter, dividing their presence between our feeding station and the one at Tryon's place some 300 ft. away. As far as we could judge, they stayed around pretty steadily, seldom leaving the immediate territory. They kept us company several times a day, often following a fairly regular meal schedule. When snowstorms were developing, they filled themselves very thoroughly. The food supply at both feeding stations consisted of sunflower seeds.

Two birds were quite tame and felt well at home here. This, plus the continuity of their close presence, was to us sufficient proof that the very same two mated birds were now spending their second year with us. Their early start of the breeding season gave promise of an even more interesting summer than 1946. Would they perhaps have four broods thisyear? How close to us would they build their nests? It all started out well, although the late coldspell in April almost caused the first tragedy of their active season.

The male whistled for the first time on Feb. 15 and on several later occasions that month, in spite of wintry weather. On March 11 he really considered spring was here; he then started to feed sunflower seeds to his wife. We found their first nest on April 15, containing two eggs. It was built in a decorative juniper bush, six feet from the ground. The bush was growing against the wall of the Tryon house between two windows and only some 12 feet from the front door step. The nest was visible through one of the windows. Only the female was setting on the eggs. The male frequently fed seeds to the female on or near the nest. One day (April 29) a cowbird twice attempted to drive the female off the nest but was chased off by the incubating bird; the second time she left the nest and chased the intruder out of the yard. (Several of these facts from Mrs. Tryon's notes.)

Much snow fell on April 19 and 20 and I had to remove wet snow from around the nest on both days to prevent the shrub from bending over and to get the nest back on an even keel. Both eggs were still present. Temperature dropped to 24' F. on April 28 th. On April 30 th one egg hatched; the other was gone without a trace for some unknown reason. The baby survived the next two cold weeks; and was out of the nest on May 11. It ultimately grew up and flew away. On May 9 the male was observed chopping up the earthworms in small pieces (for the baby?). Only very occasionally were the birds seen drinking at the birdbaths, although the nearby seed trays were frequently visited.

The second nest was found on May 23; the female was in the nest. It was well concealed in the same kind of a bush against the wall of another neighboring house and about 15 ft. from the ground. About two weeks later, two youngsters appeared among the shrubs and hedges, noisily begging for food. They too grew up successfully.

The nesting cycle of this pair is evidently about 36-38 days, judging from two periods in 1946 and this one in 1947. Both nests 1947, and two recovered in 1946 from the same pair had appreciable amounts of birch bark, and in some cases white paper interwoven in an otherwise rather poor nest.

When we returned from our trip to Sweden at the end of July, we found no additional brood, nor the female. She had either left the mate (which is not likely), or was tragically lost. The poor male whistled for weeks for another girl friend with such gusto that he made a nuisance of himself, and most of our neighbors were happy when he finally gave up gradually about Aug. 20-23; he simultaneously started his molting period. A month later he look gorgeous again.

Approximately the last of September he disappeared entirely but returned after 2 1/2 weeks with a new wife. She was very tame and seemed well at home on the feeding trays from the very start. (The previous female looked slightly different with respect to color shading and was more timid and nervous.) We are very strongly of the opinion that she was the last of the female yearlings who had been lingering around, off and on, in the vicinity and the feeding trays throughout August and less frequently in September.

These two birds are still kepping us daily company. Occasionlly during late fall, When food is plentiful everywhere, they disappear for two or three days at a time. Now with winter and snow here, they seem to stay around the houses and seed trays, telling us with short chirps every time they approach the food. The English Sparrows gather simultaneously, hoping to steal some of the cracked seeds that may drop from their powerful beaks. How gorgeous red birds look against the white snow!

In another 6 weeks the male should start to sing again, telling us that spring is coming. We are very eagerly looking forward to his third nesting season among us, and we will study the nests with much interest to see if they again contain birch bark. Perhaps we can even induce Harold Mitchell or Winston Brockner to come down and band all the youngsters we hope to hatch this spring.

Jan. 5, 1948 THE HEILBORNS

A Washington Birthday Weekend Trip to the Canadian Woods

At the request of Harold Mitchell, I am glad to relate my experiences as enjoyed with my good friend, George North, of Hamilton, Ontario, during a short visit to the North Bay area and the country in the proximity of Huntsville.

It was, indeed, a surprise to find the woods teeming with bird-life, in sharp contrast to the winter bird population of our locale. Friendly flocks of Evening Grosbeaks, gorging themselves on the fruit of the numerous box-elder trees, greeted us in the town of North Bay. About eightly birds were observed but there is no doubt had we taken the time to cover more than one small block, we would have found this bird more more numerous than the English Sparrow of our own city streets.

Driving out route 17, the Ottawa Highway, the first birds we encountered were several small groups of Redpolls, and strangely enough, these proved to be the only ones of this species seen. We had not driven far, however, before White-winged Crossbills, Pine Siskins, Goldfinches, and a few Purple Finches and one small group of Pine Grosbeaks appeared at the roadside, apparently enjoying the salt spread by the highway dept. for snow removal. Many of the birds were casualties of the passing cars, as numbers of them were strewn along the way.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, at their picturesque cabin in a wooded area abundant in spruce trees, we found the woods alive with singing Crossbills and Siskin. The gracious hospitality of the Lawrences was not only enjoyed by ourselves but by the e birds as well, for Red-br. Nuthatches, Chickadees, Blue Jays, Brown Creepers, and Hairy Woodpeckers visited the many feeding stations around the cabin.

We spent a good hour with the Lawrences searching a spruce bog for the Canada Jay and although there were many northern finches, chickadees, and Red-br. Nuthatches, we did not find the jay until we had bid our friends goodbye and had proceeded down the highway less than one hundred yards.

The following day, in the vicinity of Limberlost Lodge, east of Huntsville, three Red Crossbills were added to our list. White-winged Crossbills and Siskins were undiminished in numbers, but the Purple Finches had them on equal terms.

The stillness of the north woods was broken by the most melodious chorus I had d ever encountered, surpassing the vocalists of our own woodsides at the height of the spring song-fest. The trills and Canary like song of the crossbills, and the twitterings of the siskins, of which I had never believed them capable, added to the melodious cheer of the Purple Finches and produced a rendition beyond compare.

The crossbills appeared to be mating and tje brillant males frquently performed their bubbling flight song. When we stopped along the road opposite the spruce bogs, many Chickadees always answered our calls.

We did not observe Three-toed Woodpecker or Pileated Woodpeckers, but their work was very much in evidence, We also missed the Northern Raven, which is occasionally seen in this country.

Mrs. Hill of Limberlost Lodge is an ardent bird enthusiast and her kindness and hospitality are something we won't forget. One has only to watch from a window of her attractive lodge to see flock after flock of finches decend to the parking area. Leaving the lodge, we found these birds undiminished in numbers and untiring in their song over the miles of cone-burdened spruce trees.

A.J. WRIGHT IInd.

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes for February, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, continue to reflect the almost total absence of northern finches, but the summer resident " stay overs ", recorded in January, continue to be present. Reports for the month include Horned Grebe, Wht-w. Scoter, Hooded Merganser, Cooper's Hawk, and Rough-leg. Hawk, Long and Short-eared Owls, Kingfisher, Red-br. Nuthatch, Northern Shrike, and Purple Finch. Cedar waxwings were plentiful, and there were 6 Bluebirds reported Feb. 18th, near Fishus and 4 near Jefferson Rd. on the 21 th. The earliest previous record for Monroe Co. was February 24th.

H.D. MITCHELL

Future Events

Meetings

Wed. April 14- Report of the Spring Duck Census. Leader- Robert Andrle.
Pictures and talk on their trip to Sweden in 1947 Mr.& Mrs. Heilborn
Humboldt Room, Museum. 8:00 P.M.

Sat. April 24- Dinner Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Cafeteria, Buflo. Museum of Science, Humboldt Park; following a field trip to Oak Orchard Swamp. Dr. Hazel Ellis of the Eaton Bird Club, Geneva, will be the speaker and quest for that day. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Tues. April 20th at the latest. Cost of dinner $ 1.60. Come in field clothes. Make reservations with one of the following: Miss E. Praemassing- 87 Linden Ave., Buflo. 14, Pa.1088
Mrs. A.C. Brettle- Hamburg 1527
Mrs. Axel Heilborn- Niagara Falls 328-44
All reservations must be paid for if unable to attend. The time and meeting place will be annouced at meetings, or call(Pa 1088)

Wed. April 28- No meeting.

Field Trips

Sun. April-4- Spring Duck Census. Leader- Robert Andrle (PA. 1411).

Sun. April-11-Oak Orchard Swamp. Joint trip with Toronto Field Naturalists' Club. Leaders- Wm. C, Vaughan (Pa o384) and Harold D. Mitchell (Un 8532). Meet at Main St. City Line, Plaza Parking Lot at 8:30 A.M.

Sat. April 24-imformation listed under meeting for this date.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Delaware Park and Forest Lawn trips Sat. April 17 th and each succeeding Sat. until May 29 th. Meet at Cor. Windsor and Rumsey Rds. at 7:00 A.M., and at Delaware Ave. entrance of Forest Lawn at 8:00 A.M.

Sat. April 17- Oak Orchard Swamp. Meet at Main St, end of #8 car line at 1:00 P.M. Leaders- Dr. & Mrs. Eschelman (Un5091)We will plan to meet Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Breadle at the swamp.

Wed. April 7- Meeting at Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 P.M. Report and motion pictures of Greenrich Audubon Nature Camp. Miss Brown and Miss Dahl.

Sat. April 10- Tifft St. and Fuhrmah Dr. Meet at City Hall, Genesee St. side at 9:00 A.M. Early Migrants——and waterfowl. Leader- Wm. Almendinger

Sun. April 25- Tifft St., Dunkirk Harbor, Cassadagua Lake and Lilydale. Meet at 9:00 A.M. City Hall, Genesee St. side. Take lunch. Hawks and other migrants. Leader- A.J. Wright(Cl. 5454).

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The Month

March gave us more sun, more rain, far less snow, and higher temperatures than normal. More than half of the total precipitation fell on two days (19th and 21st); snowfall totaled only 4.2 inches; and the percent of possible sunshine for the month was 63, compared with normal of 49. The first two weeks were cold, temperature averaging five degrees below normal, with lows of 3 above and zero being recorded on the 11th and 12th. The first mild night was the night of the 14th and 15th, and Robins arrived in numbers sufficient to classify them as "common". Their migration was accelerated by warm, rainy weather on the 19th, and on the 20th Robins had reached peak abundance. The mild weather and two heavy rains made the lake ice disappear quickly and early, and by the month's end all hazard to shipping had disappeared. The lack of records of summer resident and transient visitant species during the first two weeks, generally true of any March, was particularly and strikingly true of the month under review, and followed the weather pattern. Examine the Noteworthy Records, and eliminate all birds which might have wintered, and there will be very few records left of the first fourteen days. As we review the month's observations we notice particularly the number of Holboell Grebe records; the absence of the usual swan records from the smaller inland lakes and sinks; the extremely poor showing of Hooded Mergansers; the absence of Ring-billed Gull records; the Myrtle Warbler that probably wintered; the Towhee that did; and the excellent work done by our observers in digging up early sparrow arrivals. The winter is over now, and the northern finches never did visit us.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* - denotes new species for 1948
F - " first record of season
L - " last record of season
( )- " noteworthy numbers or locations.

* Common Loon	March 29	F	1	Belfast	McMurtry
* Red-throated Loon	" 18	F,	20-1-1	Outlet, Jamestown	Mitchell, et al
Holboell's Grebe	" 13	F	2	" "	Lenna, Powers
	" 14,18,20		2-2-3	" "	Elderkin, Lenna, Powers
	" 20		2	Niagara Loop	Knight, et al
	" 29		1	Fuhrman Blvd., Bflo.	Mitchell, et al
	" 25		1	Clarence Quarry	Byron, Andrle

Horned Grebe	March 13F,14,20;1-2-1		Outlet, Jamestown	Eldorkin,Lenna,Powers
	" 29,30	1	East River,Grand Isl.	Roscho,Wallaces
	" 29	1	Belfast	McMurtry
* Pied-Billed Grebe	March 13 F-14;1-2		Outlet, Jamestown	Eldorkin,Lenna,Powers et al
	" 20	1	Tifft St.,Bflo.	Mitchell, et al
	" 21	1	Corfu	Tilley, et al
Grt.Blue Heron	Feb. 21	1	Outlet,Jamestown	Rep.Parker
	March 13 F	35	S.Rookery,G.I.	Gamble
	" 20	35	Grand Island	Knight, et al
	" 28	80	" "	Seeber, Nathan
	" 28	12	Oak Orchard	Beardslee,Savage
B-Cr.Night Heron	" 20	1	Goat Isl.	Koch
	" 28	5	Tifft St.	Roscho
* Whistling Swan	" 15 F	20	over Jamestown	Lenna
	" 15	75	N.Grand Isl.Bridge	Rogerson
	" 19	12	" " "	Wallaces
	" 20	150	Chautauqua Lake	Eldorkin
	" 20	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 20	4	Burntship Creek,Niag.	Gorge-Koch
	" 20	2	Niagara River	Knight, et al
	" 21	3	" "	Tulinoff
* Canada Goose	" 13 F	10	Over Frewsburg	Rep. Sundell
	" 20	4	Among W.Swans,Chautauqua Lake	-Eldorkin
	" 21	5	West River, G.I.	Koch
	" 21	(3300)	Oak Orchard	Tilley, et al
	" 25	(5000)	" "	Byron, Andrle
	same number reported through the end of the month.			
Mallard	" 14 F	1	Jamestown	Eldorkin
	" 17	40	Grand Isl.	Andrle, Gamble
Black Duck	" 17	(325)	Grand Isl.	Andrle, Gamble
* Baldpate	" 14 F	2	Jamestown	Eldorkin
	" 17	9	Grand Isl.	Andrle
	" 17,18,20,30,30-	4	Celeron	Lenna
	" 18	20	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Pintail	" 17	12	Grand Isl.	Andrle
	" 18	40	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
	" 20	2	Outlet, Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 28	150	Oak Orchard	Beardslee, Savage
	" 31	(2500)	West Shelby Sinks	Andrle, et al
*Green-Winged Teal	" 21 F	9	Nice Rd.sinks,Oak	Orchard-Tilley, et al
	" 25	2	West Shelby Sinks	Byron, Andrle
*Blue-Winged Teal	" 19 F	1	Castile	Thompson
	" 28	3	Oak Orchard	Brockner, et al
	" 28	2	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Seeber
	" 28	2	Grand Isl.	Wendling, Webster
* Shoveler	" 16 F	3	Jamestown	Sundell, et al
	" 25	3	Oak Orchard	Byron, Andrle
Wood Duck	" 20 F,26	2,4	Outlet,Jamestown	Powers, et al
	" 28	2	Oak Orchard	Brockner, et al
	" 28	7	Burntship Creek	Nathan, Seeber
Redhead	All Month	20	Outlet,& L.Chautauqua	-Several observers
	March 21	10	Clarence Sinks	Tilley, et al
	" 25	15	Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al
	" 25	10	Grand Isl.	Webster,Wendling
Ring-n. Duck	" 6-20	(max.20)	Celeron	Lenna
	" 20	(18)	Niagara Loop	Knight, et al
	" 25	(48)	Oak Orchard	Byron, Andrle
Canvasback	" 18	(500)	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
	" 29	several	Belfast	McMurtry

Greater Scaup Duck	March 18 (1000)	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
	" 25 (2200)	" "	Andrle, Byron
*Lesser Scaup Duck	" 6F,18,20;1,3,10	Celeron	Lenna, Powers
	" 18 50	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Bufflehead	" 7 (75)	Canadian Shore	Thorpe, Nathan, Roscho
	" 29 several	Belfast	McMurtry
Old-Squaw	" 7 (700)	Lower Niag. River	Koch
	" 14 (120)	Grand Island	Wolfling, et al
	" 20 (300)	" "	Tulinoff
Ruddy Duck	" 20 1	Outlet, Jamestown	Several observers
Hooded Merganser	" 6,12,13,17,18;2,2,3,7,3	Outlet Jamestown-Lenna, et al	
* Turkey Vulture	March 28 F 8	Oak Orchard	Brockner, et al
	" 29 6	S. of Stockton	Stanley
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 2 1	Celeron	Lenna
Red-shouldered Hawk	" 18,26 1,2	Celeron	Sundell, Lenna, et al
	" 20 2	Fredonia (mating)	Stanley
	" 20 2	Fort Hill, Ont.	Selby
Bald Eagle	" 3 1	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Andrle, Gamble
* Pigeon Hawk	" 16 F 1	Jamestown	Lenna
*Killdeer	Feb. 27 F 1	Holland	James
	March 7,18 1,5	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 12 5	Millersport Hwy.	Gamble
	" 17 1	La Salle	Roscho
	" 19 2	West Falls	Matlock
*Coot	" 16F,18 1,5	Outlet, Jamestown	Sundell, et al
	" 27 2	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 31 1	Steiner Sink	Andrle, et al
*Woodcock	" 13 F 1	Grand Isl.	Gamble
	" 17 1	Eden	Creighton
	" 26 3	Grand Isl.	Axtell
* Wilson's Snipe	" 25 F 1	West Selby	Andrle, et al
	" 26 1	Grand Isl.	Thorpe
Glaucous Gull	" 18 2	Fuhrman Blvd.	Mitchell
	" 26 1	Peace Br.	Axtell
Bonaparte's Gull	" 28 F 100	Niag. River (were absent on 27th)	Axtell
Mourning Dove	" 12 F 1	Snyder	Gamble
	" 17 1	LaSalle Quarry	Roscho
Screech Owl	throughout Feb. & Mar. 2	-Frewsburg	Sundells
Barred Owl	Feb. 1 1	Frewsburg	"
	Mar. 14,20 2,2	"	"
Long-eared Owl	" 13 2	Long Beach Woods	Andrle, Gamble
	" 17 1	Grand Isl.	" "
Short-eared Owl	Feb. 1 1	Lyndonville	Smith
	March 28 2	Alabama	Beardslee, Savage
Kingfisher	" 20 F 1	Jamestown	Elderkin
	" 26 1	"	Lenna
	" 31 4	Oak Orchard	Andrle, et al
Flicker	" 7 1	Canadian Shore	Thorpe, Nathan, Roscho
	" 14 1	Beaver Isl.	Knoble
	" 26 3	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 6 F 1	Beaver Isl.	Andrle, Thill
Pileated Woodpecker	" 5 2	Concord	Somerside
	" 21 2	Eden	Conatys
* Phoebe	" 20 1	Forest Lawn	Schneider
	" 23 1	Jamestown	Elderkin
	" 26 5	"	Lenna

*Tree Swallow	March 25F	7	Newstead Sinks	Andrle, Byron
	" 31	2	Oak Orchard	Beardslee
*Tufted Titmouse	Jan. 11	1	Irving	Wright
Winter Wren	March 6	1	Lewiston	Wright
Robin	" 1	3	Snyder	Gamble
	" 1	2	Jamestown	Powers
	" 25&thereafter 30-40 roosted in thornapple tree -Rogerson			
Bluebird	March 8 F	2	Ivory	Rep.Radio(fide Sundell)
	" 13	2	Grand Isl.	Gamble
	" 17	1	" "	Wallaces
	" 18	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Cedar Waxwings	Numerous records i of scattered flocks.			
Northern Shrike	March 7	1	Canadian Shore	Thorpe,Nathan,Roscho
	" 14	1	S.Grand Is.Bridge	Knoble
* Migrant Shrike	March 24 F	4	Flying along lake	shore,Dunkirk,-Stanley
	" 28	1	Grand Isl.	Brockner, et al
* Myrtle Warbler	" 17 F	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
* Meadowlark	" 11 F	2	Snyder	Gamble
	" 20	2	Allanburg,Ont.	Koch
	" 20	1	Jamestown	Parker
Redwing	" 5	1	LaSalle	Roscho
	" 9	1	North Buffalo	Andrle
	numerous thereafter.			
* Rusty Blackbird	" 17 F	4	Grand Isl.	Andrle
	" 26	2	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 28	10	Oak Orchard	Savage, Beardslee
* Bronzed Grackle	" 1 F	1	Jamestown	Powers
	" 11	4	Snyder	Gamble
	" 13	1	U.B.Grounds	Roscho
	" 16	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
* Cowbird	" 28 F	8	Grand Isl.	Axtell
	" 29	1	" "	Wendling, Webster
Purple Finch	" 29	3	West Falls	Matlock
Goldfinch	" 28	18	Oak Orchard	Brockner, et al
*Red-eyed Towhee	at feeding station all winter-Holland			Rep. James
* Field Sparrow	March 26 F	1	Jamestown	Lenna,Powers,Sundell
	" 27	1	Buffalo	Nathan
*Savannah Sparrow	" 28 F	3	Ransom Rd.	Nathan, Seeber
	" 31	2	Clarence Sinks	Andrle, et al
* Vesper Sparrow	" 25 F	2	near Jamestown	Lenna
* Fox Sparrow	" 26 F	2	Forest Lawn	Roscho
	" 27	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 28	1	Grand Isl.	Nathan, Seeber
* Swamp Sparrow	" 26 F	3	Jamestown	Lenna,Powers,Sundell
Snow Bunting	" 5	750	Concord	Somerside
	" 7	300	Long Beach	Thorpe,Nathan,Roscho
	" 11	1	Hinsdale	Mitchell
	" 13 L	32	West Falls	Matlocks

Number of species up to February 29th - 81
" " " " " March 31st -112.

Spring Duck Census - April 4, 1948.

Territory - Western New York, west of the Genesee River, west in Canada to Grand River and Welland River-Canal.
Weather and Conditions - Temp. 20°-61° F., mean 42°F.; clear to partly cloudy, light southerly wind; no ice in Lake Ontario, broken and scattered in Lake Erie. Niagara River clear of ice; ground bare, ponds and water areas mostly open, except for thin ice in morning; sinks and wet fields rapidly drying up.

Territories and Observers as follows:

A - American Shore Niag.River, Bird Isl. to Falls & Gorge, Hyde Park, Amherst White-Chapel Cemetery - Thorpe, Keim, C. Noble.

B - Area bounded by Niag.Falls and River, Lake Ontario, Welland Canal, Canadian Shore Lake Erie, Ft.Erie to Pt. Colborne - Wolfling, Seeber, Andrle, Georgen.

C - Canadian Shore Lake Erie, Pt.Colborne to Grand River and inland - Wendling, Nathan, Drebits, Filer, Dooley.

D - Grand Island, north of Whitehaven Road,Niag.River - Axtell,Burch,Gilbert,Bacon, Carlson,McKay,Hoyer,Melberg,Lehrers,Windsor,Feenstra,Griffins.

E - Grand Island,south of Whitehaven Road - Rosa, Gamble.

F - Lake Ontario,Youngstown,Wilson,Ransomville triangle - Tuttle.

G - Lake Ontario,County Line to Point Breeze,Lyndonville - Smiths

H - Lake Ontario,west of Rochester,Buck,Long,Round & Cranberry Ponds,Braddock's Bay-Chapin, King, et al - G.O.S.

I - Buffalo Harbor,Am.Shore Lake Erie to Dunkirk,Cattaraugus Indian Reservation,Smiths Mills,Cheektowaga - Ulrichs, Verrill.

J - Dunkirk,Fredonia,Bear Lake,Cassadaga Lakes,West Mud Lake,-Stanleys, Siegel

K - Chautauqua Lake,Frewsburg, Levant area -Beal,Sundells,Powers, Lenna,Simms,Van Why.

L - East Shore Chautauqua Lake,Findley Lake,Jacquin's Pond-Olson,Parker,Eldrkin.

M - Oak Orchard Swamp,W.Shelby-Welcottsville,Corfu Sinks,Tonawanda Ind.Res.-Brockners, McCanns,Heilberns,Klabundes,Bishops,Hookstras,Wallaces,Barrolls.

N - Harris Hill,Transit,Newstead Sinks - Mitchell,Almendinger.

O - Batavia area - Pixley.

P - South of Hamburg,Silver Lake,Rushford L.,Cuba L.,Lime L.,Sandusky Pond,etc. - Creightons, Winships.

Q - Hamburg, Gowanda,South Dayton areas - Wilson, Cohen.

R - Allegany State Park,Redhouse Lake,Randolph Pond,etc. - Escholmans

S - Tuscarora Indian Reservation, Niag. Falls - Rogerson.

T - Delaware Park,Forest Lawn,U.of B.Campus,LaSalle Quarry,Lincoln Park - Roscho

U - Zoar Valley - Brettles.

V - Sinking Ponds-East Aurora,Orchard Park Reservoir,Emery Pk.- Wild, Knox.

W - Castile, Beaver Pond - Thompson

X - Castile, Silver Lake,Eddy Pond,Gainesville areas - Van Arsdales.

Y - Welland Canal,Pt.Colborne,Mud Lake areas - Selbys.

Z - Rushford Lake, surrounding area - Guest.

AA - Wellsville, Genesee River - McMurtrys.

BB - Oak Orchard Swamp - Klonick, Taylor et al, G.O.S.

CC - Lake Ontario shore west of Rochester,Braddock's Bay to Summerville-Tangho, O'Hara, G.O.S,

DD - Bergen Swamp - Brown, Bussewitz, Barlow, G.O.S.

Loon 19
Holboell's Grebe 9,K,P,R,CC
Horned Grebe 8,B,P,K.
Pied-B.Grebe 53
Gr.Blue Heron 78
Green Heron 1 - J
Bl.Cr.Night Heron 150 - A
Am. Bittern 6
Whistling Swan 4 -B,P.
Can. Goose 14,667-G,M,BB,CC
Blue Goose 4 - M,BB
Mallard 152
Black Duck 286
Gadwall 1 - K,L
Baldpate 294
Pintail 6657
Green-w.Teal 11
Blue-w. Teal 41
Shoveler 21-C,H,CC

Cooper's Hawk 5
Red-Tailed Hawk 5
Red-Sh.Hawk 11
Rough-L.Hawk 3, B,E,V.
Bald Eagle 7,G,N,I,BB
Marsh Hawk 79
Osprey 1 - M
Pigeon Hawk 1 - J
Sparrow Hawk 54
Ruffed Grouse 4
Pheasant 187
Coot 188 (120-K)
Killdeer 245
Woodcock 11
Wilson's Snipe 8
Glaucous Gull 4, I,I in J
Iceland Gull 1 - I
Gt.Bl.-b. Gull 9
Herring Gull 1751

Tree Swallow 8 - M,BB
Blue Jay 31
Crow 1056
Chickadee 174
Tufted Titmouse 1 - I
Wh-Br.Nuthatch 25
Red-Br. " 1 - K
Brown Creeper 50
Winter Wren 5
Robin 2521
Hermit Thrush 6
Bluebird 138
Golden-Cr.Kinglet 36
Ruby-Cr. " 3, M,Q.
Cedar Waxwing 34
Migrant Shrike 1 - I
Starling 5760
English Sparrow 1128
Meadowlark 340

Wood Duck 26
Redhead 130 (76-K)
Ring-n. Duck 396 (143-K)
Canvasback 389
Gr.& Lr.Scaup 3418
Lesser Scaup 173
Am.Goldeneye 666
Bufflehead 169
Old Squaw 170
White-w.Scoter 1 - Y
Ruddy Duck 3, K,P
Hooded Merganser 56
Amer. " 1025
Red-Br. " 3307
Vulture 27
Sharp-Sh.Hawk 7

Ring-b. Gull 2604
Bonap.Gull 1313
Mourning Dove 134
Screech Owl 5 K,D,E in T
Gt.Horned Owl 7
Barred Owl 2 - K
Short-e.Owl 5 -C,G
Kingfisher 46
Flicker 134
Red-H.Woodpecker 5
Hairy Woodpecker 12
Downy " 64
Phoebe 78
Prairie Horned Lark 138

Redwing 3318
Rusty Blackbird 96
Br. Grackle 928
Cowbird 790
Cardinal 30
Purple Finch 14
Goldfinch 16
Red-eyed Towhee 4
Savannah Sp. 22
Vesper Sp. 51
Slate-Col.Junco 775
Tree Sparrow 122
Chipping Sp. 1 - J
Field Sparrow 9
Fox Sparrow 14
Swamp Sparrow 15
Song Sparrow 1688

Total Species 104; No. of individuals 58,813
104 persons in 31 parties.

Because of the rather warm, sunny weather of the previous two weeks, on the day of our consus the bird migration was well advanced. The date this year was slightly earlier than average, but the fine weather cancelled this as a factor as far as numbers were concerned. Our total of 58,000 odd individuals far exceeded that of the six previous consuses, but this was in good part due to more parties being in the field. The number of ducks was generally gratifying, being in most cases equal to or more than previous years. Notably on the plus side were Pintails, Ring-necked Ducks, Redheads, Scaups and Hooded Mergansers. Baldpates showed some increase but nowhere near the number seen on other consuses, while Black Ducks dropped considerably. It was evident from reports that Am. Mergansers preferred the Niagara River and Red-Breasted liked Lakes Erie and Ontario, the latter being very numerous. Over 11,000 geese were seen at Oak Orchard Swamp, among them 4 Blue Geese and one partial albino Canada. Most of the Swans went through one or two weeks earlier. Other noteworthy occurrences were 9 Holboell's Grebes, all save one from the lakes to the south, a Green Heron from Bear Lake, an unprecedentedly early date and the first record for this consus, an early Osprey at Oak Orchard Swamp, 3 adult Glaucous and 1 adult Iceland Gulls on the Buffalo waterfront, another Glaucous at Dunkirk and an early Chipping Sparrow from the same area. Unusually numerous were Red-Tailed Hawks, over twice as many as previously, and also seen in better numbers than before were: Rusty Blackbirds, Marsh Hawks, Coots, Killdeers, Cedar Waxwings, Meadowlarks, Grackles and Song Sparrows. Missed on this consus were Greater Yellow-legs and Sapsucker. The flock of 150 Night Herons was found in the usual place along the Niagara River. Only 1 Migrant Shrike was seen; 1 Pigeon Hawk near Fredonia; a Gadwall on Chautauqua Lake which yielded many ducks; 1 White-winged Scoter in Pt. Colborne Harbor, 7 Bald Eagles, more than usual; 1 Titmouse from Irving. It was indeed a pleasure to hear from so many observers and my thanks go to all the members and friends for their co-operation.

Robert F. Andrle

Notes

At Presque Isle, Erie, Pa., on March 26th, Mr. A. J. Wright II reports a male European Widgeon, in with a large flock of Baldpates. Also 15 Whistling Swans in the bay.

Reports from Rochester and vicinity, combining records submitted by W.L.G.Edson and those noted in the "Goshawk", record hundreds of Blackbirds, Robins and Crows migrating along the Ontario Shore during the warm period from the 15th to the 18th of March.

Outstanding was the nesting of Bald Eagles near the Genesee River between Scottsville and Avon. A Shoveller on Long Pond on February 29th was very early, also a European Widgeon at Grandview Beach the same day. On March 1st a Saw-whet Owl was heard at Reed Road Swamp. Other especially noteworthy records included 22 Canada Geese and a Snowy Owl at Manitou Beach and an estimated 800 White-winged Scoters and 173 Bonaparte's Gulls along the Ontario shore on the 6th. 2 Pileated, 1 Red-headed and 2 Red-bellied Woodpeckers were noted along the Genesee Flats and Scottsville area. A late flock of 350 Snow Buntings were seen at the Airport on the 21st. On the 26th Wood Duck and Pigeon Hawk were seen at Mendon Ponds and a Gadwall on the 28th. The first Tree Swallow was seen on the 21st west of Charlotte. Mockingbird, Migrant Shrike, Rusty Blackbird and Field Sparrow were among the birds reported during the week ending March 26th.

H. D. Mitchell

We urge all members and friends to attend the Council Meetings at City Hall 10:30 A.M. May 4th and 2 P.M. May 11th, in order to show our interest in the Tifft Farm Sanctuary Project.

H. D. Mitchell

Miss Lucile Jack of 341 W. Utica Street writes as follows: "I think this might be of interest. Tuesday, April 6th, my neighbor, Mr. Krans, went out to get his car and heard something crying in the driveway. It was about 8 P.M. He looked around and discovered a Pied-billed Grebe in the driveway. He brought it in for me to identify. The bird was apparently exhausted but not harmed. The next morning he took it to the Zoo."

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, May 12th: - Symposium on Breeding Localities by members of Research Committee, Chairman Bernard Nathan.
Status of Ruffed Grouse in Western New York by Jas. Creighton
Plans for Spring Census by Leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich (Pa. 8896)
Humboldt Room, Museum. 8 P. M.

Wednesday, May 26th: - Report of Spring Census by Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich, Leaders.
Plans for June Distribution Census by Leader Bernard Nathan (Gr. 8020) Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Field Trips

Saturday, May 1: Saturday A.M. Bird Walks begin, Delaware Park and Forest Lawn Cemetery. Meet at 6:30 A.M. Delaware Ave. and Rumsey Road entrance to the Park. Walks are held every Sat. A.M. at this time in May.

Week-end May 1-2 - Pymatuning Trip. Make Reservations early with Leader, H. D. Mitchell (Un. 8532) Meet 8 A.M. City Hall (Genesee St. side) Bring lunch.

Sunday, May 9th: - Hawk Flight Study, half mile east of Port Weller, Ont. A research project to get data on the movements of hawks in our territory. Those interested in helping, contact the leader, Ed. Seeber, Ri. 8739, as soon as possible so complete plans can be made. At least 24 helpers will be needed.

Sunday, May 9th: Leroy, Mr. Hazelton's home. Leaders Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich (Pa. 8896) Meet Main City Line 7:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 16th: Spring Census, Leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich (Pa. 8896)

Week-end May 22-23: Long Point, Ont. For details and reservations call leader, Don Gamble, Pa. 9206 as early as possible. Try to have reservations in by May 7th.

Week-end May 28-31: Southern Michigan for Sandhill Crane and Kirtland's Warbler. For complete details and reservations, call Leader, Harold Mitchell (Un.8532) Meet 6 P. M. at Peace Bridge. Go as far as St. Thomas, Ont., the 1st night; next day it is hoped to see Wilson's Phalarope and reach Michigan, where you will remain over Sunday.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, May 5th: May meeting at 8 P.M., Buffalo Museum of Science. New Audubon Society Motion Pictures in Kodachrome.

Saturday, May 8th - Canadian Lake Shore. Meet 1 P.M. at Busti Ave. entrance to the Peace Bridge. Early warblers, swallows, etc. Leader Ellen J. Windsor (Am. 3570)

Saturday, May 15th - Darien. Meet 1 P.M. City Hall, Genesee St. side. Leader, Edward C. Avery (Gr. 5828)

Sunday, May 23rd: - Tifft St. and Eden. Meet at 8:30 A.M. City Hall, Genesee St. side or at Tifft St. at 9:30 A.M. Take lunch. To estate of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Baird and to cabin of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Conaty. Leader, Frances Row (Tr. 0342)

Week-end May 28-31 - Joint trip to Southern and central Michigan with B.O.S. See earlier details.

Wednesday, June 2nd: - Outdoor meeting at Old Fort Erie. Meet at 5:30 P.M. at Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge. If late, go right to Fort. Take picnic supper.

Saturday, June 5th: - Lincoln Park. Sponsored by Audubon Associates. Meet 1 P. M. Englewood and Kenmore Ave., reached from Kenmore Ave. bus. This trip will be of general nature, including birds, insects, trees, and wild flowers. Bring picnic supper for party at home of leader, Richard Roesche, 8 Dartmouth Ave. (Un. 8859) Both Audubon Associates and adult members are invited to trip and party.

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The Month

Although April's total precipitation of 2.81 inches was ten percent above normal, three-quarters of it fell on four days, and most of the month was pleasant, with more sunshine than usual. Temperatures averaged five degrees above normal for the month, but bird migration was probably affected most by the eight day period from the 19th to the 26th inclusive, which gave us temperatures eleven degrees higher than normal, at a period in migration which is principally reliant on the vagaries of the weather. While the March migrants are of course even more erratic in their arrival, the species which are due in late April and early May are also affected by spells of warm weather. Thus the migration of such birds as the Chimney Swift, Spotted Sandpiper, Green Heron and several of the Warblers, was accelerated by the warm spell mentioned above. Standout for the month was the Yellow Rail record.

C. S. Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

* - denotes new species for 1948
F - " first record for season
L - " last record for season
( )- " noteworthy numbers or locations.

Common Loon	April 3	1	Jamestown	Eldorkin
	" 18	3	West River, G.I.	Andrle
	" 18	(18)	[illegible] Shore to Dunnville	Axtell, Nathan, et al
Red-throated Loon	" 19	1	Shore Acres	Klonick
Holboell's Grebe	" 18	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell
Horned Grebe	" 3	1	Niagara River	Axtells, Nathan
	" 11	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Vaughan, et al
	" 24	(5)	Bond Lake	Heilborn
		Numerous records thereafter.		
* D. Cr. Cormorant	" 18 F	1	Rockhouse Point	Nathan
* Green Heron	" 17	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
	" 24	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 25	1,2	Frewsburg, Tifft St.	Lenna, Powers, Mitchell etc
	" 26	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
Amer. Bittern	" 5	1	Hartland	Pechuman
		Numerous records thereafter.		

Canada Goose	April 5	55	Lyndonville	Pochuman
	" 11	2000	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Vaughan, et al
	Numerous reports from O.O. through the month, with the last report on the 24th. The largest number reported on the 12th.			
	April 12	6000	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Vaughan, etal
	" 18	2500	Genesee River Valley	Gamble, et al
	" 24	3500	Oak Orchard	Vaughan, et al
	2-23	1	Markham's Corners, on farm land-B.Warm, rep. Webster	
	" 25	1	Mud Lake (possibly the same bird) Mitchell, et al	
* Blue Goose	" 4 F	4	Oak Orchard	Klonick
	" 11-17	1	" "	Mitchell, Vaughan, et al
	" 18	1	Genesee River Valley	Gamble
	" 24 L	3	Oak Orchard	Vaughan, et al
* Gadwall	" 4 F	1	Jamestown, (Census)	Eldorkin, et al
	" 18	1	Dunnville	Nathan
*European Widgeon	" 11 F	1	Oak Orchard	Seeber, et al
Shoveller	" 11	5	Oak Orchard	Vaughan, et al
	" 18	(30)	Dunnville Marsh	Axtells, Nathan, et al
Old Squaw	" 17	(30)	Cassadaga Lake	Stanley
	" 18	Hundreds	Niagara-on-Lake, Ont.	Brecknor, et al
Wht-w.Scoter	" 17 F	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
	" 17 F	1	Redhouse, Allegany S.P.	McMurtry
Ruddy Duck	March 25	1	Grand Island	Wendling, Webster
	April 11	2	Nice Rd., Sinks, O.O.	Mitchell, Vaughan, et al
	" 17	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, et al
	" 17	2,2	Dunkirk, Cassadaga L.	Stanley
	" 18	1	Grand Island	Andrle
	" 25	(12)	Cassadaga Lake	Mitchell, et al
	" 26	(12)	Bemus Pt. (Chautauqua L.)	Stanley
Hooded Merganser	March 25	2	Grand Island	Wendling, Webster
	April 22	2	Tifft St.	Murphy
Turkey Vulture	March 20 F	4	Chestnut Ridge Park	Verrill
	April 4,18	1,1	Grand Island	Axtells, Andrle
	" 11	1	Brocton	Stanley, et al
Sharp-Sh.Hawk	scattered records, few movements observed, See the Notes			
Cooper's Hawk	April 18	30	Brocton	Stanley, et al
*Broad-Wing.Hawk	" 18	1,18	Shore Acres, Brocton	Klonick, Stanley, et al
	" 19	2	Byron	Mitchell
	" 25	5	Lilydale	Mitchell, et al
	" 25	(25)	South Shore Lake Erie	Axtells, Nathan, et al
	" 26	6	Houghton	Eldorkin
	" 24	6	Levant	Olson, Sundell
Rough-Leg.Hawk	" 18	1,2	[illegible] Acres, Brocton	Klonick, Stanley, et al
Bald Eagle	" 3	1 Ad.	Lockport	Pochuman
	" 9	3 Im.	Grand Island	Mitchell
	" 11,18,25	-2Ad.2 Yg.	in nest on west side of Genesee River near Avon, N. Y.	Gamble
	" 18	1 Ad.	Brocton	Stanley, et al
	" 24	1 Im.	Oak Orchard	Vaughan, et al
* Osprey	" 11 F	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Vaughan, et al
	" 12	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
	" 17	1,1	Cassadaga L. & Black's Pond	Stanley
	" 18	1	Frewsburg	R. Sundell
Pigeon Hawk	" 5	1	Canisius College	Murphy
	" 24	1	Bemus Pt.	Stanley
* Virginia Rail	" 8 F	1	Fogelsonger Rd., Snyder	Gamble
	" 11	1	Oak Orchard	Lenna
	" 16	4	Tifft St.	Murphy

* Sora Rail	April 11 F	1	Oak Orchard	Soobor, ot al
	" 22	1	Tifft St.	Murphy
	" 22	1	East Aurora	Wild
	" 25	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell, ot al
* Yellow Rail	" 12,13	1	Fogelsongor Rd.,Snydor	Andrlo,Gamblo
*Florida Gallinulo	" 16 F	3	Tifft St.	Murphy
	"17,18,19-	3,5,8	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
*Upland Plover	" 18 F	2	E.Hamburg	Vorrill
	" 22	1	Corfu	Boardsloo
	" 24	2	Dunkirk	Stanley
*Spottod Sandpipor	" 6 F	1	Stono Church,Borgon,NY.	McMurtry
	" 25	1	Mud Lako	Mitchell, ot al
	" 26	2	Irving	Axtoll
*Solitary Sandpipor	" 24 F	1	Harris Hill,Sinks	James
	" 27	1	Tifft St.	Axtoll
*Groator Yellowlegs	" 11 F	1	Claronco Sinks	Axtoll, ot al
	" 24	3,5	Oak Orchard,Harris Hill-	Vaughan,ot al,James
	" 25	1	Mud Lako	Mitchell, ot al
	" 25	1	Dunnvillo	Axtolls,Nathan,ot al
Glaucous Gull	" 10 L	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Bonaparto's Gull	" 3	(1500)	Niagara River	Axtolls,Nathan
*Caspian Torn	" 29 F	2	Niagara River,off Shoridan Dr.-	Boardsloo,Mitchol
*Common Torn	" 22 F	4,30	Buffalo,s.Harbor,N.Harbor-	Murphy,Mitchell
	" 23	1	Goat Island	Koch
	" 24	1	Dolaworo Park Lako	Mitchell
Black Torn	" 29 F	1	Ft.Shoridan Drivo	Boardsloo,Mitchell
Screech Owl	" 3	1	Grand Island	Axtolls, Nathan
Barred Owl	" 11	1	Oak Orchard	Lonna
	" 17,24	1	Frewsburg	Sundolls
Short-eared Owl	March 13	3	Lyndonvillo	Smith
	April 10	1	Amhorst	Andrlo
*Whip-poor-Will	" 24 F	1	Bomus Pt.	Stanley
	" 25	1	Brocton (found dead)	"
	" 25	1	" (singing)	"
	" 25	1	Tifft St.	Brocknors,McCanns
*Chimney Swift	" 20 F(Earliest Ever)	1-	Jamostown	Powors
	" 24	2	Jamostown	Lonna
	" 28	1	Wellsvillo	McMurtry
	" 25	2	Frewsburg	Sundolls
Piloated Woodpecker	March 24	1	Chostnut Ridge Park	Vorrill
	April 18	1	Clymor	Olson
	" 29	1	Onovillo	Van Why
Red-Headed Wdpkr.	" 3	1	Queenston, Ont.	Koch
	" 8	6	Beaver Is.Park,G.I.	Murphy
	" 23,25	1,1	N.Grand Island	Andrlo,Gamblo,Tulinoff
	" 25	1	Genesee River Valley	Gamblo,Weigel
	" 28	1	Castile	Thompson
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	" 5 F	1	Delaware Park	Almendinger
	" 8	1	Burntship Cr.,G.I.	Murphy
	" 9	1,1	Buffalo,Niag.Falls	Andrlo,Rogerson
*Least Flycatcher	" 27 F	1	Quaker Bridge,A.S.P.	John Holt,vide Alexander
* Bank Swallow	" 16 F	1	Castile	Thompson
	" 17	3	Sinking Ponds,E.Aurora	Roscho,James
	" 23	5	Conewango Cr.	Boardsloo
*Rough-W.Swallow	" 23 F	1	Dayton	Boardsloo
	" 24	2	Levant	Olson,Sundoll
	" 25	4	Dunkirk	Mitchell, ot al
	" 26	3,2	Fluvanna,Outlet at Jamestown-	Lonna,Powers
	" 28	10	Jamestown	Elderkin

*Barn Swallow	April 18	F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 23		4,4	Markham'sCor.,Dayton	rep.Webster,Beardslee
	" 24		1	Dunkirk	Stanley
	" 24		4	Levant	Olson,Sundell
*Cliff Swallow	March 27	F	1	returned to nesting site at Markham's Cor. one mo. ahead of normal. by Bernard Warm, on whose barn they nest yearly. It was seen on only one day	rep.Webster
	April 28		1	Jamestown	Elderkin
*Purple Martin	" 10	F	1	" ,Stow	Powers, Olson
	" 19		1	LaSalle,N.Y.	Heilborn
	" 29		8	Jamestown	Elderkin
Tufted Titmouse	" 16		1	East Aurora	Wild
	" 25		1	Irving	Axtells,Nathan,et al
Red-Br.Nuthatch	" 4		1	Fluvanna,Jamestown	Lenna
	" 13		1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	" 24		12	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 10		5	Tonawanda Ind.Res.	Pechuman,McCarthy
*House Wren	" 20	F	2	South Dayton	Webster
	" 22		1	Jamestown	Lenna,Powers
*Mockingbird	" 2		1	Derby	H.H.Larkin
*Brown Thrasher	" 18	F	1	Canadian Shore,Lake Erie	Axtells,Nathan,et al
	" 18	F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 20		2	LaSalle	Heilborn
Robin	Large number of reports from 20-24th indicate height of migration. April 6 & later 1 Partial Albino,U.B.Campus -Roscho,Windsor " 10 -1 Albino,red breast,otherwise white,Grand I.-James, Roscho				
*Wood Thrush	April 28	F	1	Jamestown	Elderkin
*Hermit Thrush	" 6		1	Tifft St.	Murphy
	Numerous records after 16th				
*Bl.-Gr.Gnatchtcher	April 29	F	1	Tifft St.	Wright
	" 30		1	" "	Almendinger,Savage,Bourne
Ruby-Cr. Kinglet	" 18	F	12	Decew Falls	Brockner, et al
	" 19		1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	" 21		1	West Falls	Matlock
	" 22		1	Jamestown	Elderkin
*Pipit	" 5	F	8	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 27		1	Tifft St.	Axtell
Cedar Waxwing	" 7		(21)	U.B.Campus	Roscho
	" 24		(120)	West Falls	Matlocks
Migrant Shrike	" 17		2	Hillersport	Somersido
*Warbling Vireo	" 26-30	F		1-2 -Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 29		1	Jamestown	Boal
*Bl.& Wh.Warbler	" 25	F	1	Winchester,Indian Church Rd.-Weierheiser	
	" 26		1	LaSalle	Heilborn
	" 28		1	Buffalo	Nathan
	" 27-30		1-2	Frewsburg	Sundells
*Nashville Warbler	" 25	F	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell,et al, Axtell, et al
*Yellow Warbler	" 25	F	1,1	Jamestown,Frewsburg	Powers,Sundells
	" 27		1	Quaker Bridge,A.S.P.	John Holt
	" 28		1	Jamestown	Boal
	" 29		1	Fredonia	Stanley
*Cape May Warbler	" 29	F	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Myrtle Warbler	" 10	F	1	Clarence Sinks	Axtells,Nathan,et al
	" 17		8	Sinking Ponds,E.Aurora	James,Roscho
	" 18		1	12 Mi.Creek	Brockner, et al
	" 18		3	Barcelona	Olson

*Blk.Thr.Green	April	24 F	1	Jamestown	Powers
	"	25	1	Brocton	Stanley
	"	27	1	Grand Is.	Andrle
		Numerous records thereafter			
*Blackburnian	"	30 F	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
*Pine Warbler	"	24 F	1	Burnam Hollow	Stanley
	"	25	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Western Palm	"	25 F	1	Irving	Axtells,Nathan,et al
*Yellow Palm Warbler	"	22 F	1	Tifft St.(Later collected by Mitchell)	Murphy
*No.Water Thrush	"	25 F	1	Tifft St.	Axtells,Mitchell,Nathan
	"	25 F	1	E.Aurora Fish & Game Club	Brockners,McCanns.
*Western Meadowlark	"	18 F	1	Hilton (Collected)	Klonick,Taylor,et al
*Rose-Br.Grosbeak	"	1 F	1(Found dead)	Falconer	Crosby,rep.Sundell
Purple Finch	"	8	1	Castile	Thompson
	"	17	2	East Aurora	Wild
	"	18	1	singing-Oak Orchard	Mitchell
	"	19	1	Quaker Bridge,A.S.P.	Somersido
	"	25	1	S.Lake Shore	Axtells,Nathan, et al
	"	27	1	Tifft St.	" " " "
*Pine Grosbeak	"	26	1	Castile	Thompson
Red-eyed Towhee	March	24 F	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
*Grasshopper Sparrow	Apr.	25 F	2	Irving	Axtells,Nathan,et al
	"	25 F	6,3	Orchard Park,Cheektowaga	Brockner,et al,Roscho
	"	25 F	7	South Dayton	Webster
*Chipping Sparrow	April	10	1,1	Wellsville,Grand Is.	McMurtry,Roscho
	"	14,15	1,1	La Salle Quarry	Roscho
	"	17	1	Jamestown	Beal, et al
	"	18	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Verrill
Tree Sparrow	"	25 L	2	Irving	Axtells,Nathan,et al
*Wht.Thr.Sparrow	"	6 F	2	Grand Island	Moore
	"	17	1,2	Niagara Falls	Heilborn,Koch
	"	18	1	Tifft St.	Wolfling
	"	19	1	Snyder	Gamble
		numerous records after 20th			
	"	24	(125)	Pt. Gratiot	Stanley
Fox Sparrow	"	1	1,1	South Park,Bflo.,LaSalle Quarry	Brockner,Roscho
	"	4	3	Frewsburg	Beal
	"	12	1	Jamestown	Hiller,Elderkin
	"	17	2	LaSalle	Heilborn
	"	18	2	Barcelona	Olson
	"	25	2	S.Shore Lake Erie	Axtells,Nathan,et al
Swamp Sparrow	"	4	3	Jamestown	Lenna
	"	6	11	Tifft St.	Murphy

Number of Species up to March 31st - 110
" " " " " April 30th - 161

PLEASE NOTE correction for March and April "Prothonotary" - Cowbird, Meadowlark and Lesser Scaup in theApril issue and Pileated Woodpecker in the March issue should not be starred (*) as new species for the year.

NOTES

Records from Rochester and vicinity for April, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, include Pigeon Hawk, Coot, Northern Horned Lark, Hermit Thrush, Pipit, Vesper and Fox Sparrows for the week ending April 2nd. During the succeeding week, Holboell's Grebe was a new migrant, while additions for week ending April 16th included Bittern, Yellow-b.Sapsucker, Purple Martin and Ruby-cr.Kinglet. On April 18th a Western Meadowlark was heard and seen in Hilton by Allan Klonick and party, and was collected later in the day as the first specimen from Western New York, and possibly from New York State. The same week brought many new migrants, including Green Heron, Black-Cr.

Night Heron, Ruddy Duck, Broad-winged Hawk, Osprey, Virginia and Sora Rail, Florida Gallinule, Wilson's Snipe, Saw-whet Owl, Rough-winged and Barn Swallow, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Brown Thrasher, Myrtle and Pine Warbler, Chipping and White-throated Sparrows. Toward the end of the month Bank Swallow, Olive-backed Thrush, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, Black-throated Green and Palm Warblers, and Henslow's Sparrow were among the migrants noted.

The Tifft Farm Wildlife Sanctuary proposal will come up again at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Common Council at Buffalo City Hall at 10 A. M. (probably will be discussed at about 10:20 to 10:30 A.M.) on Tuesday, June 29th. A large turn-out will materially aid our cause.

H. D. Mitchell

Mr. Edward Eames of Buffalo writes: "On April 25th about 7 A. M., a large male Ruffed Grouse walked slowly across our backyard, and then out along the driveway, stopping only to eat some barberries, jumping repeatedly to get at them, as he went along. Just where he went, we do not know, but I guess he crossed the street."

Mrs. Ory L. Pixley of Batavia writes: "Is it out of the ordinary for the Hermit Thrush to sing in this area? April 25th I was walking in the west trail of Horseshoe Lake when I came upon two Hermit Thrush. They flew back and forth across my path several times, as I proceeded; then finally disappeared in the shrubbery. I went on around the marsh and in about an hour came back to the same spot where I had seen the thrushes. They appeared again, flying back and forth as before, then one flew to a branch in a nearby tree and burst into song. I have heard their song in other parts of the country, but never before in this area. It seemed unusual for me, because for 20 years the Hermit Thrush has visited my backyard but never before gave an exhibition of his musical ability. I never before have seen as many cowbirds and grackles in this area as this year."

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, June 9th - Picnic supper and meeting, Old Fort Erie, Ont. Wm. Almendinger, Leader. Meet at picnic area 6:30 P.M. Bring lunch.

Wednesday, June 23rd- Picnic supper and meeting, Como Park, Lancaster. Mildred Baker Rosa, Leader. Meet at Como Park Blvd. & Lake Ave., Lancaster, (Lancaster bus stops here) 6:30 P.M. Bring lunch.

July and August - no meetings.

Field Trips

Sunday, June 6th - Balsam Bog, Freedom, N. Y. Leader Edward Seeber. (Ri.8739) Meet at 7:30 A. M. City Hall.

Sunday, June 13th- Frewsburg, Lake Chautauqua and Gorge, Barcelona and Dunkirk Marsh. Leaders, Kathryn Praemassing and Robert Sundell. Meet at 7 AM Lehigh Valley RR Station, Main St., Parking Lot.

Sunday, June 20th- June distribution Census - Leader, Bernard Nathan (Gr.8020)

Saturday, June 26th-Picnic supper and poke-around trip, Chestnut Ridge Park. Trip 2:30 P.M., Supper 6 P.M. Price - those over 18 years $1.00; others 50¢. Purpose to raise fund for binding literature in Hazelton Library. See other notice in this issue.

Week-End, July 3-4-5 - Bradford, Ont. and Severn River area. Leader, Bernard Nathan (Gr.8020) Contact leader early for reservations and complete details.

Sunday, July 18th - Canadian Shore. Leader, John Filer (Ba.4597) Meet at Peace Bridge Entrance, 7:30 A. M.

Sunday, August 8th - Shore Bird Count. Leader, Ed. Seeber (Ri. 8739) Contact leader for details.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A picnic and poke-around trip to raise funds for binding the literature in the Hazelton Library will be held Saturday, June 27th, in Chestnut Ridge Park. The Poke-around trip, led by 'Bernie' Nathan will leave the Administration Building at 2:30 to look for Pileated Woodpecker, Grouse and whatever else can be found. Supper will be served at 6 P. M. Price: Those over 18 yrs. $1.00; others 50¢. Bring your cup, knife, fork and spoon. Donations for the supper gratefully accepted by the Program Committee. For reservations and transportation contact E. Praemassing, 87 Lindon Avenue, Pa. 1088. All reservations must be made not later than Monday, June 21st.

E.M. P.

Buffalo Audubon Society Program

Wednesday, July 7th - Outdoor Meeting at Beaver Island Park, Grand Island. Meet at Delaware Ave. corner Hertel Avenue at 6 P.M. Take picnic supper.

Saturday, Sunday, July 10-11 - Week-end trip to Alleghany State Park, Dr. and Mrs. Escholman, Leaders. (Un. 5091) Take lunch and bathing suit.

Sunday, August 1st - Canadian Shore - shore birds. Meet 8:30 A.M. Busti Ave. entrance of Peace Bridge. Take lunch and bathing suits. This trip is sponsored by Audubon Associates. Adults are welcome. Leader, Richard Reeche (Un. 8859)

Wednesday, August 4th - Picnic meeting at home of Harold D. Mitchell, 378 Crescent Ave. at 6 P.M. Resume of field trips. Plans for fall and winter and bird games.

Saturday, August 14th - Bergen Swamp. Leader, Charles A. Zenkert (Ba. 6573) Rare swamp plants. Meet 11 A.M. Main St. City Line. Harris Hill and Main 11:20.

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The Month

May was ushered in by bright, sunny weather, with temperatures almost exactly normal. On the fifth a light rain fell, and during the evening of the sixth there was a brief sprinkle. Shortly after three o'clock on the seventh, however, the temperature fell rapidly, with rain, which turned to snow during the night. Plows were called into action in southern Erie County on the eighth to combat eighteen-inch drifts. In the Buffalo area a wet snow fell, quickly melting as it reached the ground, but even in Buffalo it was severely cold for May, with low of 33 and high of 44 for the day. The unseasonable cold remained with us through the tenth, with heavy rain accompanying it. The eleventh was considerably warmer, and a pent-up migration of warblers flooded Western New York. Thereafter another fairly cool wave set in, which lasted, almost without interruption, for the balance of the month. The rains continued through the morning of the 23rd, after which not a drop fell. The last eight days of the month were delightful, with comfortable temperatures and almost 100 percent of possible sunshine. While a few hardy individuals of the May migrants were observed on fairly normal dates in the early part of the month, the cold wave really dammed up the bulk of the migration until the 11th. For example, this was the first day on which Yellow Warblers could be called common, and that is the latest in my recollection; and Yellow-throated Vireos were far later than normal. The first wave lasted five days, and a second wave occurred from the 18th to the 20th. Some species have made a very poor showing this spring. Pine Siskins have been almost unreported; Migrant Shrikes appear less common than in any previous year; Rails are less numerous in almost every swamp in the area; and most disappointing of all, no Prothonotary Warblers have been seen, it having been established by thorough search that they are not present in their accustomed haunts in Oak Orchard. On the plus side, Pipits were exceptionally well represented, and Common Terns were nesting in greatly increased numbers both in Buffalo Harbor and at Niagara Falls. For some reason, both gulls and terns nested much earlier than last year.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* --- denotes first record of species for year.
F --- " first record of migration.
L --- " last record of migration.
()--- " noteworthy numbers or locations
(C)-- " species recorded on Spring Census May 16th.

Common Loon (C)	May	Scattered records throughout the month; no heavy movements.		
Horned Grebe (C)	May 9	(30)	W.Niagara River	Brockner, et al
	" 14	(19)	Canadian Shore,Lake Erie	Gamble
	" 23	1 L	Buffalo Harbor	Row, et al
		1 L	Point Abino	Drobitz, Filer
D.Cr.Cormorant	" 12	3	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
	" 14 L	1	Mohawk Pt.,Ont.	Gamble
Least Bittern (C)	" 23	(14)	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
Canada Goose (C)	" 7	36	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 15	26	Canadian Shore	Axtells, Nathan
Ring-necked Duck	" 8 L	2	Lyndonville	Smith
Amer.Golden-eye (C)	" 15	1	W.Niagara River	Koch
Old-Squaw (C)	" 5	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 9	1	W. Niagara River	Koch
Wht-.w.Scoter (C)	" 1,2 F	1	Ft.Erie,Bflo.Harbor	Axtells,Nathan
	" 1 F	1	Chautauqua Lake	McMurtry
	" 9	1	Niagara River	Mitchell
Ruddy Duck (C)	" 7	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 8	1	Delaware Park	Mitchell
	" 12	1,1	Goat Is.,Lyndonville	Mitchell,Smith
Sharp-sh.Hawk (C)	" 6	(12)	Irving	Andrle, et al
	" 9	(15)	Port Weller	Seeber, et al
Cooper's Hawk (C)	" 2	(30)	Olcott	Doyle
	" 6	(4)	Irving	Andrle, et al
Broad-wing.Hawk (C)	" 6	6	Irving	Andrle, et al
	" 25 L	5	Olcott	Doyle
Rough-leg. Hawk	" 2 L	1	Olcott	Doyle
Bald Eagle (C)	" 1	1	N.Y.Shore,Lake Erie	Mitchell, et al
	" 6	2	Irving	Axtell
	" 9	2	Port Weller	Seeber, et al
	" 9	2	Niagara River	Koch
	" 28	(5)	N.Y.,Ontario Lakeshore	Pixley
Osprey (C)	" 2	1	Irving	Axtells,Nathan,et al
	" 6	1	"	Andrle, et al
	" 9	1,1,1	Shengo,Niag.R.	McMurtry,Murphy
	" 22 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
* Duck Hawk	" 15 F	1	Chestnut Ridge P.	Murphy
* King Rail	" 13 F	1	Tifft St.	Murphy
Sora (C)	" 1	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell, et al
* Semi-palm.Plover	" 25 F	30	Near Dunnville,Ont.	Axtell
	" 26	15	" " "	"
	" 28	2	" " "	" , et al
Wilson's Snipe (C)	"16-31	2	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 31	3	S.Dayton	Webster
* Hudsonian Curlew	" 23 F	20	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Drobitz, Filer
	" 25 L	10	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Almendinger, Wright
* Solitary Sandpiper (C)	" 9 F	3	Langford	Thorpe
	" 21	1	Lakeview	Pixley
	" 24	1	Jamestown	Powers
	" 26 L	2	Near Dunnville	Axtell
Greater Yellow-legs	" 15	3	Bear Swamp	Gamble
	" 28 L	2	Near Dunnville,Ont.	Axtell, et al
*Lesser Yellow-legs	" 9 F	4,1	Langford,Jamestown	Thorpe,Lenna
Pectoral Sandpiper (C)	" 19	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
*Hudsonian Sandpiper	"25,26,28-1		Near Dunnville, Ont.	Axtell, et al
*Least Sandpiper (C)	" 14 F	1	Humboldt Park	Drobitz
*Red-bkd.Sandpiper	"25,26,28 F-1,4,2		Near Dunnville,Ont.	Axtell, et al
* E.Dowitcher	" 25 F	6	" " "	Axtell
Semi-Palm.Sandpiper(C)	"25,26,28-60,25,120		Near " "	Axtell, et al

*Yellow-b.Cuckoo (C)	May 13 F	1	Tifft St.	Murphy
*Black-b. " (C)	" 9 F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 11	1	Jamestown,Chestnut Ridge P.,Eldorkin,Axtell	
Short-eared Owl	April 25	2	Lyndonville	Smith
*Saw-whet Owl (C)	May 12,16	L-1	Bear Swamp(Heard and Seen)	Gamble
Whip-poor-will (C)	" 1	1	Eden	Rep.Webster
	Numerous records from 11th-15th showing a migration wave.			
*Nighthawk (C)	May 11 F	1	Jamestown	Sundells
*Hummingbird (C)	" 1 F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
			Numerous records after the 10th.	
Pileated Wdpkr. (C)	" 4	1	Cowlesville	Ransom
	" 9	2,1	Clymer,No.Davis Rd.	Eldorkin,Matlocks
*Red-bellied Wdpkr.(C)	Through Month - 6 - Leroy			Hazelton
Yellow-bel.Sapsucker(C)	May 30	1	Zoar Valley	Gamble
	" 31	1	Charlotte Cen.	Rew
*Kingbird (C)	May 2 F	1	Cassadaga	Stanley
*Crested Flycatcher (C)	" 4 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Yellow-b.Flycatcher (C)	May 10 F -	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 12	1,1	Tifft St.,Buffalo	Andrle,Roscho
	" 30 L	1	Cassadaga	Rew
*Alder Flycatcher (C)	May 12 F	1	Goat Island	Mitchell
Least " (C)	" 14	(35)	Buffalo	Axtell
*Wood Peewee (C)	" 11 F	1	West Falls	Matlocks
*Olive-s.Flycatcher (C)	" 13 F	1,2	Forest Lawn,Williamsville-Nathan,Axtell,Wend-	/ling
Cliff Swallow (C)	" 9	7	Levant	Olson,et al
Tufted Titmouse (C)	" 1	1	Barcelona	Mitchell, et al
Red-br.Nuthatch	" 13	1	Jamestown	Eldorkin
*Prairie Marsh Wren (C)	" 2 F	3	Sinking Ponds,E.Aurora	Knox
Short-b.Marsh Wren (C)	" 16 through end of month-2-Frewsburg			Sundells
	"28,31	4,6	S.Dayton	Webster
*Catbird (C)	" 1 F	1	Chautauqua	McMurtry
	" 2	2	Derby	Axtells
Wood Thrush	" 1	1,1	West Falls,Grand Isl.	Matlocks,Wallaces
*Olive-b.Thrush (C)	" 1 F	1	Delaware Park	Webster
	Arrived in numbers 11th-14th			
	May 14	(37)	Buffalo	Axtell
*Gray-ch.Thrush (C)	" 12 F	1	Buckhorn & Goat Isl.	Mitchell, Koch
*Veery (C)	" 5 F	1	Dufferin Is.	Koch
Pipit (C)	" 2	35	Irving	Axtells
	" 5	(130)	Lakeshore	"
	" 6	15,30	Irving	Axtell,Andrle,et al
	" 9	41	Port Weller	Seeber, et al
	" 11	12	Chestnut Ridge Pk	Axtell
Migrant Shrike (C)	" 9	1	Port Weller	Mitchell, et al
	" 31	2	Collins Center	Andrle, Gamble
*Yellow-th.Vireo (C)	" 10 F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 12	2,1	E.Aurora, Tifft St.	Axtell, Andrle
*Blue-headed Vireo (C)	" 1,2 F	1	Goat Is.	Koch
	" 2	1	Nor.Leroy	Pixley
*Red-Eyed Vireo (C)	" 12 F	1	Jamestown	Sundells
*Philadelphia Vireo (C)	" 11 F	1	Grand Isl.	Wallaces
Bl.& Wht.Warbler (C)	" Attained largest numbers about 11th.			
	" 20 L	2	Tifft St.	Axtell
*Golden-w. Warbler (C)	" 10 F	1	West Falls	Matlocks
	" 11	1	Orchard Park,N.Leroy	Axtell,Pixley
*Blue-w. Warbler (C)	" 2 F	1	Burnham Hollow	Stanley
	" 2 F	6	Zoar Valley	Andrle, et al
	" 17	1	Frodonia	Stanley
	" 19	1	"	"

Brewster's Warbler (C)	May 29	1	Jamestown	Elderkin
*Tennessee Warbler (C)	" 12 F	1	East Aurora	Axtell
	Many reports in warbler wave of 18th-20th			
*Orange-Cr.Warbler (C)	May 4 F	1	Delaware Park	Axtell
	Most reports are from the 1st warbler wave, which occurred from 11th - 15th			
	May 26 L	1	Tifft St.	Andrle, et al
Nashville Warbler (C)	A few reports from 1st wave 11th-15th			
	Largest number in 2nd wave 18th-26th.			
*Parula Warbler (C)	May 10 F	1	N. Leroy	Pixley
	Greatest numbers during 1st wave			
	May 26 L	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
Yellow Warbler (C)	Came in numbers with both waves.			
*Magnolia Warbler (C)	May 9 F	1	Shongo	McMurtry
	Came in numbers with both waves			
	May 25 L	2	Canadian Shore, L.Erie	Axtell
Cape May Warbler (C)	May 2	1	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	Koch
	Came in numbers with both waves			
	May 25 L	1	Canadian Shore	Axtell
*Bl.-thr.Bl.Warbler (C)	" 9 F	I	" "	Brockner, et al
	" 10	II	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	Came with both waves			
	May 24 L	1	Delaware Park	Axtell
Myrtle Warbler (C)	Came with waves			
	May 26 L	2	Tifft St.	Andrle, et al
Bl.-thr.Green Warbler (C)	Came with waves			
*Ceruleen Warbler (C)	May 11 F	1	Chestnut Ridge P.	Axtell
Blackburn.Warbler (C)	" 9	1	Langford, Shongo	Thorpe, McMurtry
	In both waves			
	" 26 L	1	Tifft St.	Andrle, et al
*Chestnut-s.Warbler (C)	" 6 F	1	Niag.Falls, N.Y.	Heilborn
	" 9	1	Niagara-on-Lake, Ont.	Mitchell, et al
	" 26 L	1	Dunnville	Axtell
*Bay-br.Warbler (C)	" 9 F	1	Grand Is.	Wallaces
	" 11	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	In both waves; observed thru end of month.			
Blackpoll Warbler (C)	" 21	1	Niag. Falls	Koch
Pine Warbler (C)	" 2	1	Angola	Axtell
	" 10	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 12	1	West Falls	Matlocks
*Prairie Warbler	" 15	1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, et al
W.Palm Warbler (C)	" 23 L	1	Tifft St.	Drobitz, Filer
*Ovenbird (C)	" 2 F	2	Burnham Hollow	Stanley
No.Waterthrush (C)	" 1	1	Canadian Shore	Axtell, Nathan
*La.Waterthrush (C)	" 2 F	2	Burnham Hollow	Stanley
*Mourning Warbler (C)	" 12 F	1	Batavia	Pixley
*No.Yellow-throat (C)	" 2 F	1	N. Leroy	Pixley
*Yellow-br.Chat (C)	" 6 F	1	Irving	Axtell
	" 12	1	East Aurora	Axtell
*Hooded Warbler (C)	" 11 F	1	Chestnut Ridge P.	Axtell
	" 13	1	Humboldt Park	Drobitz
	" 15	1	Canadian Shore	Axtell
	" 19	(6)	Fredonia	Stanley
Wilson's Warbler (C)	" 31 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
*Canada Warbler (C)	" 11 F	1	Chestnut Ridge P.	Axtell
*Redstart (C)	" 9 F	1	Grand Is.	Wallaces
*Bobolink (C)	" 2 F	1	Cassadaga	Stanley
	Numerous records on 4th and thereafter.			
*Orchard Oriole (C)	" 11 F	1	Jerusalem Cor.	Rep.Stanley
	" 12	1	Laona	" "

*Baltimore Oriole (C)	May 5	F	1,1	Jamestown, West Falls	Lonna, Matlocks
*Scarlet Tanager (C)	" 11	F	1,1	" Niag. Falls	Eldorkin, Hoilborn
Rose-br. Grosbeak	Numerous in waves				
*Indigo Bunting (C)	" 11	F	1	N. Leroy	Pixley
Purple Finch	" 1		2	Niag. Falls	Hoilborn
*Pine Siskin	" 21	F	(100)	Hamlin Beach	Pixley
	" 25	L	1	Jamestown	Eldorkin
*Grasshopper Sparrow	" 4	F	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 11		1	Jamestown	Lonna
*Wht. Cr. Sparrow (C)	" 4	F	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 19	L	1	Williamsville	Wendling
Wht. Thr. Sparrow (C)	" 20	L	4	Tifft St.	Axtell
*Lincoln's Sparrow (C)	" 12	F	3	Tifft St.	Andrle
	" 14		2	" "	Axtell
	" 15		1	Morgans Pt., Ont.	Axtells, Nathan
	" 20L		1	Tifft St.	Axtell

Number of Species to April 30th - 161
" " " added in May 70
Total Number of Species to May 31st - 231

ERRATA: On P. 32, Vol. 14, No. 5, May 1948 Issue, all records of Grasshopper Sparrow for April 25th should read Henslow's Sparrow. The first record of the Grasshopper Sparrow was on May 4th. (See this issue.)

Spring Census, May 16, 1948.

Territory - Western New York, west of Genesee River, west into Canada to Grand River and Welland Canal.

Weather and Conditions - Temp. 55° to 75°; cloudy, rainy, cool and windy in the morning; clearing skies with a rise in temperature in the afternoon; bright and sunny from middle afternoon and to the end of the day.

Territories and Observers:

1. - Lancaster in the Ellicott Creek area - Dr. Anna Schultz
2. - Hamburg on The Lake - Schmahl
3. - So. end of Grand Island - Kathryn & Eugenia Praemassing, Rose Facklam, Mildred Ros
4. - No. end of " " - Wolfling, Drobitz, Weldman.
5. - Del. Pk., Forest Lawn, Bird Is. Pier, Whitechapel Com., Tonawanda Incinerator - E. J. Windsor, Barbara Allen, Jennie Graham, Lilia Cumisky, M. L. Emerson, Marjory Emerson, Ima Bill, Sally Knight.
6. - Orchard Park - A. D. and H. A. Wender
7. - East Aurora Ponds & Shefferd Hill - W. Wild, C. Knox
8. - Holland (East & West Hill) - M. [illegible], Roger Pratt, Ray & Florence Becker & Romnie
9. - Niag. Falls (4016 Cliff St.) W. H. Rogerson
10. - Niag. Falls - Amer. Gorge to Ft. Niagara, Youngstown, Wilson, Oak Orchard & Cambria Station - Mr. & Mrs. W. Brockner, Mr. & Mrs. Klabundo, Mr. & Mrs. Tulinoff, Mr. & Mrs. Hoilborn, Karl & Julie Hoilborn, Mrs. Dorothy MacVean, Wilmer Koch.
11. - Lake Ontario Shore between Olcott & Wilson - Irene & Florence Hoyer
12. - Hamburg - 18 Mile Creek area (E. Eden Rd. & Taylor Rd.) Bacon, Melberg, Griffins, Zink, Tills.
13. - Versailles, Gowanda, Zoar Valley - Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brettle.
14. - South Dayton & vicinity - G. Webster, Seeber
15. - Langford, New Oregon, No. Collins & vicinity - H. Thorpe.
16. - Harris Hill vicinity - Marie Wendling, Margaret Wendling.
17. - Batavia & vicinity - Mrs. O. L. Pixley, Mrs. Norma Long
18. - East Aurora Ponds - R. Roesche, Knoble
19. - Leroy, N. Y. - M. Brown, F. Hazelton, R. Sanford.
20. - Castile, N. Y. - Mary G. Thompson, Wm. G. Van Arsdale
21. - Wellsville, N. Y. - Edna H. McMurtry.

22. - Staffords Ponds & Vicinity - A. R. & Rona Beadle.
23. - Oak Orchard - C. S. Beardslee
24. - Brockport, Hamlin (Lake Shore) - Geo. F. Guelf
25. - South of Zoar Valley - Mr. & Mrs. Creighton, Mr.& Mrs. McShane
26. - Southern Part of Western New York - Mr.& Mrs.Clair Somersido,George & Gladys Kratzer
27. - Buffalo to Dunkirk (Lake Shore)-R.S.Wilson,C.Brown,M.Cohen.
28. - Dunkirk & Vicinity - Wm. F. Stanley
29. - E.Randolph,Quaker Run,Alleghany Pk.,-Dr.& Mrs,Carl Eschelman
30. - Letchworth Park - E.& A.Ulrich, R.& M. Verrill
31. - Erie Beach to Port Colborne, Ont.- Bert Wright, R. Andrle
32. - Canadian Shore-Fort Erie-Niag.Falls-Niagara on-Lake -Marie Wendling,Bertha Schwenger.
33. - Canadian Shore -Pt.Colborne to Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.- H.D.Mitchell,C.Moore, Mary Kelly,Mr.& Mrs.Hickman
34. - Grand River & Vicinity - B.Nathan,Dr.& Mrs.Axtell, Filer, Keim.
35. - Jamestown,Chautauqua & Findley Lakes-Clarence Beal,Don Powers,Roger Sundell,Phil Lenna,Bob Sundell,Bob Olson,Claude Parker,Gordon Simmons,Roy Adams.
36. - Lyndonville, N. Y. - W. A. Smith, George Smith
37. - Bear Swamp - D. Gamble
38. - West Falls-Colden Area - Lois & Peter Hatlock
39. - Grand Island Thorn Thicket, etc. - The McCanns
40. - Willowby Marsh-Welland - Mrs. Selby (No report)
41. - Rochester,west of Genesee - Lee, Klonick (No report)

Loon - 10
Holboell's Grebe - 2 (33)
Horned Grebe - 21 (31,33,34)
Pied-Billed Grebe - 14
Gr.Blue Heron - 133
Green Heron - 39
B-Cr.Night Heron - 75
Amer. Bittern - 46
Least Bittern - 7 (14,27,28,34,35)
Canada Goose - 38 (O.O.,22,23)
Common Mallard - 34
Black Duck - 46
Gadwall - 2 (34)
Baldpate - 5 (34)
Pintail - 1 (34)
Blue-w.Teal - 67
Wood Duck - 23
Greater Scaup Duck - 14
Lesser " " - 88
Amer.Goldeneye - 8 (4,31,32)
Bufflehead - 24 (29,31,39)
Wht.w.Scoter - 1 (34)
Ruddy Duck - 3 (27)
Amer. Merganser - 14
Red.br. " - 373
Turkey Vulture - 31
Sharp-sh. Hawk - 15
Cooper's Hawk - 6
Red-tailed Hawk - 30
Red-Should. " - 14
Broad-wing. " - 6 (28)
Bald Eagle - 2 (10,34)
Marsh Hawk - 28
Osprey - 4 (10,22,28)
Pigeon Hawk - 1 (4)

Sparrow Hawk - 35
Ruffed Grouse - 18 (8,13,25,26,27,28,30)
Ring-n.Pheasant - 169
Virginia Rail - 8
Sora " - 33
Florida Gallinule - 66
Coot - 11
Killdeer -309
Ruddy Turnstone - 10 (33,34)
Woodcock - 12
Wilson's Snipe - 13
Upland Plover - 26
Spotted Sandpiper - 174
Solitary " - 18
Gr.Yellow-legs - 7
Yellow-legs - 14
Pectoral Sandpiper - 2 (7)
Least " - 13
Semi-palm. " - 3
Western " - 1 (14)
Sanderlings - 10 (33)
Herring Gull -130
Ring-b. " -237
Bonaparte's Gull -367
Common Tern - 1283
Black " - 102
Rock Dove - 59
Mourning Dove - 234
Yellow-b.Cuckoo - 2 (31,34)
Black-b. " - 3 (8,11,17)
Screech Owl - 6
Gr.Horned Owl - 2
Barred Owl - 1 (35)
Saw-whet Owl - 1 (37)
Whip-poor-will - 11

N ighthawk - 6
Chimney Swift - 340
Ruby-Thr.Hummingbird - 26
Belted Kingfisher - 48
Flicker - 248
Pileated Woodpecker - 2 (10,14)
Red-bellied " - 2 (19)
Red-headed " - 43
Yellow-b.Sapsucker - 6
Hairy Woodpecker - 13
Downy " - 53
Kingbird -146
Crested Flycatcher - 91
Phoebe -121
Yel.b.Flycatcher - 2
Alder " - 10
Least " -269
Wood Peewee - 21
Olive-s.Flycatcher - 4
Prairie Horned Lark - 49
Tree Swallow - 907
Bank " 844
Rough-w." 231
Barn " 674
Cliff " 123
Purple Martin 220
Blue Jay 103
Crow 644
Black-c.Chickadee 145
Tufted Titmouse - 1 (14)
White-br.Nuthatch - 32
Brown Creeper - 6
House Wren - 257
Winter " - 2 (25,33)
Carolina" - 1 (31)
Prairie Marsh Wren - 80
Short-b. " " - 8 (22,23,28,33,35)
Catbird - 680
Brown Thrasher - 40
Robin - 2254
Wood Thrush - 194
Hermit " - 16
Olive-b." - 80
Gray-ch." - 14
Veery - 126
Bluebird - 138
Bl.Gr.Gnatcatcher - 2 (31)
Golden-cr.Kinglet - 3 (3,30)
Ruby-cr. " - 74
Pipit - 14
Cedar Waxwing - 64
Migrant Shrike - 3 (28)
Starling - 1813
Yellow-th.Vireo - 23
Blue-headed " - 23
Red-eyed " - 72
Philadelphia" - 7
Warbling " - 28
Bl.& Wh.Warbler - 294
Golden-W. " - 24 (15 at 19)
Blue-w. Warbler - 8 (14,26,35)
Brewster's " - 1 (36)
Tennessee " - 44
Orange-Cr. " - 3 (4,32)
Nashville " - 135
Parula " - 43
Yellow " -1692
Magnolia " - 521
Cape May " - 256
Bl.-Thr.Blue" - 207
Myrtle " - 847
Bl.-Thr.Green" - 512
Cerulean " - 8 (10,14,17,31,34)
Blackburn. " - 358
Chestnut-s. " - 473
Bay-br. " - 97
Blackpoll " - 10 (9,10,14,28,33)
Pine " - 3 (14,30)
W.Palm " - 24
Ovenbird - 314
No.Waterthrush - 35
La. " - 4 (27,30)
Conn.Warbler - 3 (9,28,33)
Mourning " - 5 (10,31,35)
N.Yellow-throat - 348
Yellow-br.Chat - 3 (21,29,35)
Hooded Warbler - 16
Wilson's " - 10
Canada " - 59
Redstart -698
English Sparrow - 892
Bobolink 1240
Meadowlark 310
Red-wing 2738
Orchard Oriole - 13 (22, 33[8], 34)
Baltimore " 624
Rusty Blackbird - 13 (13,29)
Bronzed Grackle - 578
Cowbird - 572
Scarlet Tanager - 213
Cardinal - 48
Rose-br.Grosbeak - 411
Indigo Bunting - 106
Purple Finch - 19
Goldfinch -1785
Red-eyed Towhee - 157
Savannah Sparrow - 248
Grasshopper " - 43
Henslow's " - 42
Vesper " - 174
Slate-Col.Junco - 78
Chipping Sparrow - 534
Field " - 267
Wht.Cr. " - 246
Wht.Throated " - 247
Lincoln's " - 2 (33)
Swamp " -- 108
Song " 1220

T ho rainy and cloudy weather during the early part of the day made identification of species difficult, but as the day advanced and the skies cleared, this condition improved, with the resulting large count of the smaller birds.

Brockner and his party found most of their warblers on the Niagara Escarpment at Lewiston. Ed Seeber stated that in the Dayton area most of the birds were in the open woods. In the Letchworth Park territory, the warblers stayed in the high tree tops and many remained unidentified. Clare Somerside, who covered the roadside areas around Chautauqua County found few warblers. All parties offered the opinion that the birds were active and constantly on the move.

Among the birds missed on this census were Black-backed Gull, Short and Long-Eared Owls, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Prothonotary Warbler and Pine Siskin.

To all who made this report possible by their work in the field and their records, I offer my thanks.

E. C. Ulrich, Leader.

Total Species 189; No. of Individuals - 36,138.
115 Persons in 41 Parties.

NOTES

Records from Rochester and vicinity, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, for the first week in May include Red-throated Loon, Shoveler, Rough-legged Hawk, both Yellow-legs, Saw-whet Owl, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Catbird, Veery, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black & White Warbler, and Rose-br. Grosbeak. New migrants recorded the following week included Least Bittern, Solitary Sandpiper, an early Nighthawk, Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrush, Yellow-throated and Red-eyed Vireo, Golden-winged, Orange-crowned, Cerulean and Canada Warblers - 22 warbler species in all, and Scarlet Tanager.

On the Spring Census of the Genesee Ornithological Society taken on May 16th, 180 species were reported, an excellent total. Among the most noteworthy records were Baldpate, Pintail, Shoveler, Bufflehead, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Rough-legged Hawk, Semi-Palm. Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Pectoral, Least, Red-backed & Semi-palm.Sandpipers, Dowitcher, 5 species Owls including Barn Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Acadian and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Red-br. Nuthatch, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Migrant Shrike, Prothonotary, Pine, Yellow Palm and Connecticut Warblers - 31 species of Warblers in all, Rusty Blackbird and Lincoln's Sparrow. During the week ending May 28th new migrants were Black-bellied Plover and Bicknell's Thrush, while Canada Goose, Pintail, Pectoral Sandpiper, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Pipit were probably all late migrants. A mockingbird was also reported.

At our last B.O.S. Council Meeting it was voted unanimously to announce in The Prothonotary in future issues the names and addresses of new members of the B.O.S. Inasmuch as the new Roster of Members is about to be published, those who desire to do so can keep their new roster up to date by referring to the Prothonotary, and adding the names of the new members to their roster.

H. D. Mitchell

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Saturday, August 14th - Bergen Swamp. Leader, Charles A. Zenkert. Ba. 6573. Rare Swamp plants. Meet 11 A.M. Main City Line; Harris Hill & Main 11:20 A. M.

Sunday, August 29th - Hamilton, Ont. and Dundas Marsh. Meet 8:30 A.M. at Busti Ave. entrance of Peace Bridge. Take lunch. We will meet George North at Hamilton. Shore birds. Leader, Gertrude Webster. Tel. H. D. Mitchell, Un. 8532.

Wednesday, Sept. 1st - Outdoor picnic meeting at Delaware Park. Meet 6 P.M. south of boat-house and rose garden near corner of Rumsey Rd. and Lincoln Pkwy. (one block from Forest or Elmwood bus line) Plans for Fall Warbler Census - Wm. Almendinger.

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The Month

Few months which have come under our review have conformed so closely to normal as June, 1948. Both temperature and precipitation were almost exactly equal to the average for past years; and this was true not because warm waves and cool waves offset each other, but because each individual day was very close to its normal. No severe rains or winds occurred during the month, and because of their absence we may justifiably expect that both land and water birds enjoyed a successful breeding season. The breeding population of gulls showed a very encouraging increase, and while fewer terns nested this year on Gull Island, considerably larger numbers bred in Buffalo Harbor and at Niagara Falls. The complete absence of shore bird records below should not be taken to signify that none of these species was present during the early days of the month; it merely happened that our observers were operating at inla points during that period.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Pied-Billed Grebe	June	13	24 -7E	Riverside Marsh	Sundell, et al
Am.Bittern	"	13	12 -1N	Riverside Marsh	Sundell, et al
Least Bittern	"	13	4 -1N	" "	" " "
Gadwall	"	27	2	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell, et al
Baldpate	"	6	2	Oak Orchard	Rosche
Ruddy Duck	"	27	1 Male	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell, et al
Turkey Vulture	"	13	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundell, et al
Broad-winged Hawk	"	6	1	Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
	"	13	2	Bone Run	Beal, et al
Ruffed Grouse	"	13	3-2Y	" "	Nathan, et al
	"		11-10Y	" "	Mitchell, et al
Virginia Rail	"	13	3	Riverside Marsh	Beal, et al
Sora Rail	"	13	3	" "	Beal, Byron, Nathan et al
Florida Gallinule	"	13	6-EN	" "	Sundell, Olson et al
Coot	"	13	2	" "	Brockner, et al
Little Gull	"	20	1	Braddock's Bay	Chapin (rep. Edson)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	"	12	2 NE	Lyndonville	Mitchell, Smith, et al
	"	13	1 NE	Bone Run	Nathan, et al
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		6	2	Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
" " Flycatcher		8	L 1	Humboldt Park	Axtell

Cliff Swallow	June	13	40		Bone Run	Beal, Sundell, et al
Winter Wren	"	6	1		Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
Short-billed Marsh Wren		13	2		Riverside Marsh	Parker, et al
Hermit Thrush	June	13	1		Bone Run	Beal, et al
Olive-backed Thrush	"	5	5		Lincoln Park	Roscho, et al
" " "	"	8	1	L	Humboldt Park	Axtell
Gray-Ch. "	"	5	1	L	Lincoln Park	Roscho, et al
Migrant Shrike	"	20	2		Ridge & Ransom Rds.	Koch
Blue-headedVireo	"	6	2		Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
	"	13	4		Bone Run	Beal, Brockner, et al
Bl.& Wht.Warbler	"	6	1		Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
	"	13	1		Bone Run	Beal, Nathan, et al
Blue-winged "	"	13	4	-1N	" "	Sundell, et al
Nashville "	"	6	1		Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
	"	13	1	-NE	Bone Run	Mitchell, et al
Cerulean "	"	11	1		Rumsey Ridge	Koch
	"	12	4	S	Lyndonville	Nathan, et al
Blackburnian "	"	8	1	L	Niagara Falls	Koch
Bay-Breasted "	"	5	6		Lincoln Park	Aubudon Associates
	"	8	1	L	Niagara Falls	Koch
Blackpoll "	"	2	1		Jamestown	Elderkin
	"	14	1	L	Wellsville	Axtell
Ovenbird	"	5	2	L	Delaware Park (MIGRANTS)	Mitchell
Yellow-Br.Chat	"	3	1		Taylor Hollow	Axtell
	"	6	1		Freedom Bog	Seeber, et al
	"	13	1	S	Taylor Hollow	Nathan, Brockner, et al
*Blue Grosbeak	May	12	1	Male	East Aurora	Searles, Bartram, SEE NOTE

Total Species to May 31 - 231; Additional for May - 1; Total to June 30th - 232.

The following records, taken from the May 16th Census, are the first for the year and were inadvertently omitted from the June Prothonotary: - Least Bittern, Ruddy Turnstone, Pectoral, Semi-palmated and Western Sandpipers, Sanderling, Carolina Wren, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Brewster's, Blackpoll and Wilson Warblers.

TRIP TO MICHIGAN AND SOUTHERN ONTARIO.

The Buffalo Ornithological Society and its friends from the Buffalo Audubon Society, twenty-one strong, had a memorable trip over Decoration Day week-end. The group left Friday evening at 6 P.M., riding as far as St. Thomas that night. On the way, in a flooded field, we observed quite a number of Sandpipers, including the colorful Redback with its reddish-brown back and black patch on the belly; also the White-Rumped Sandpiper, which is rather rare in this area in the spring.

We left St. Thomas at 6:30 A.M. Saturday and met Mr. Lemon of West Lorne, Ontario who took us to a field with small pools of water and showed us the Wilson Phalarope, a bird about the size of a Killdeer, rather strikingly colored with a grey head and a white stripe running down the back of the head and neck. These little birds swim as readily as they walk. The female wears the bright colors, does the courting, and lets the male do the major part of incubating and taking care of the family.

After thanking Mr. Lemon, we went on to Sarnia, Ont., and through Port Huron, Mich., to a small community called Lovell's, where we spent the night. Before retiring we found the Clay-colored Sparrow. This is about its eastern limits as a breeding bird in the United States. This Sparrow has a most interesting song, consisting of two or more buzzes that are unique.

Some of the group arose at 4:30 A. M., and had the pleasure of hearing a performance of the Prairie Chickens. The birds gather at a certain place and cackle like some barnyard fowl and then add a sort of "whooo" sound, during which the hens look o and finally the birds pair off.

We left Lovell's, and in a certain unnamed section of Northeastern Michigan it was most gratifying to see a small number of one of the rarest Warblers of North America, namely; the Kirtland's. This large blue-backed warbler is very limited and selective in its breeding and wintering range and can be found only in northeast Michigan in summer and in the Bahamas in winter. We were very fortunate and lucky to see and hear these birds.

Then the caravan moved to Southern Michigan, through Lansing, and halted for the night at Jackson. The following morning we met Mr. Harold Wing, who led us out to the Waterloo area and showed us another bird that has its eastern boundary in Michigan- the stately Sandhill Crane, with its long legs and neck and red frontal plate. They put on quite a show for us, flying around and really adding additional dessert to the trip. We are indebted to Mrs. Frey, Mr. Van Tyne and Mr. Wallinsbee for information on the habitats of the birds seen in Michigan.

After that on the move again. Through Ann Arbor and Detroit, and a short stop at Point Pelee, and home to bed. The safari rode 1200 miles and had a most memorable trip. Mr. Harold Mitchell led the trip.

Bernard Nathan

MOHAWK ISLAND, ONTARIO.
1948

The gulls and terns breeding on Mohawk Island have just completed a very successful season; a season which, despite the persistent high waters of recent years, showed a favorable trend in the nesting area of one species.

Mild temperatures throughout the breeding season were very beneficial to the successful raising of the many broods of young. However, most important to the success of the Ring-billed Gulls' sets was the absence of the usually severe mid-June storms. These storms in 1946 and 1947 destroyed almost 70 percent of that species' nests on the island. Since this species had only begun to nest on the island in 1945, this loss was very serious. It was therefore wonderful to discover that this year the Ring-billed Gulls had at least 125 nests, which were used without any losses caused by storms. This number compared to the 10-20 nests left after the storms during the last two seasons. The larger, higher area used by these birds this year are reasons to believe that this species may become a more important breeder on the island. The food supply is a very important factor too, and since the supply of fish of the larger species than those used by the Common Tern is large, there should be nothing to retard such an increase.

The Herring Gulls still nested in conservative numbers, there being six nests in use, and three which were no longer in use at the time of my trip (June 25-27).

The Common Terns too nested in almost the same numbers as they did last year except in the area on the west arm of the island where the Ring-billed Gulls had extended their nesting activities. There were approximately 1100 nests.

During my three days on the island, I banded 94 Common Terns, of which 18 were adults. The first "return" record for the island occurred when a tern bearing a band with the No. 34-229249, which had been banded by Mr. Mitchell and the group last year was retrapped near the cabin. Also banded were 66 juvenile Ring-Billed Gulls and 4 juvenile Herring Gulls, the latter being banded after long motorboat chases. Mr. Mitchell and the Audubon group, led by Francis Tilley, banded 79 juvenile Ring-billed Gulls, 180 Common Terns, including three adults, and 1 juvenile Herring Gulls on June

One of the most humorous sights on the island this year was the juvenile Ring-billed Gulls. When one approached, these birds would be seen in large numbers, running in their precocial manner from the open areas where the adults had been feeding them. As they ran for cover, a few would trip, or step in a six-inch crevice and fall flat on their lower mandibles. In this ungraceful position they would remain for minutes as if stunned or believed captured. In some cases, near the shore where there was no vegetation for cover, they would dash headlong into the thrashing swells along the rocky shore. While banding on a hot day, it was interesting to watch the adult terns and their behavior. It appears they dislike walking on hot stones as much as we do, because when they are flushed off their nests, they will skim the water with their feet, to moisten them before again landing on the hot stones near their nests. *

During the past six years, the bird life on the island has steadily changed and its future will doubtless provide many interesting studies. The yearly trip adds a thrill to each one's field of experiences, a page that will always be a pleasant one.

Donald Gamble.

*See articles by H. D. Mitchell in PROTHONOTARY, July 1946, August 1947.

NOTES

The Sixty-Sixth stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held October 11-15, 1948, at Omaha, Nebraska, with headquarters at the Hotel Fontenelle. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday services are open to the public, and a field trip will be held on Friday.

The Fall Meeting of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs will be held November 13th and 14th in Rochester, N. Y., at the Museum, 657 East Avenue. Anyone willing to present short papers is asked to send name and title of paper to Mr. Albert Bussewitz, 10 Straub Street, Rochester, N. Y., Program Chairman.

Regarding the Blue Grosbeak record, we quote from Mrs. E. M. Bartram's letter: "The blue Grosbeak was about 20 ft. from me on the grass. The newly-mown dandelion seeds attracted it.--- It was large - chunky almost. The stripes on the wings were a brownish-red. The bill was light grayish. The wing stripes were decided. It was a dark blue - darker somewhat than the Indigo Bunting, which was also there - and by comparison, the Blue Grosbeak was nearly twice as large in "bulk", and an inch longer at least." Mrs. Searles watched it for a long time earlier in the afternoon, and seeing that it was quite different from the nearby Indigo Bunting, called Mrs. Bartram.

Reports from Rochester and vicinity, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, for the week ending June 4th include Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Turnstone, a very late Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellow-legs, Least, Red-backed and Semi-palm. Sandpipers. The following week late migrants included Semi-palm. Plover and Tennessee Warbler, the former also occurring during the week ending June 18th, when two other shorebirds, Lesser Yellow-legs and Knot, as well as Lapland and Red-br. Nuthatch, were recorded. In late June a Common Loon was noted, and on the 20th an immature Little Gull was observed at Braddock's Bay by John Chapin, the first June record for this species in Western New York.

Hybrid Pinioned Goose at Hyde Park

Mr. Peter Koch of Niagara Falls offers the following information: - "If you do not already know about it, you will be surprised as I was in finding out what is going on here at Hyde Park Lake, Niagara Falls. Beside the Canada Goose they also have here White Fronts, Blue and Oriental Geese. Today on driving through the Park I was surprised to see a Canada and a White Front swimming down the lake together with six very tiny young following them. I didn't think this was quite according to Hoyle, but on questioning the caretaker, who was trying to catch them to pinion them, I found that for the past two years they have been crossing these geese. In fact, I saw there at

least two crosses between the White Front and the Canada that were mature. They have most of the body of the Canada but their legs are yellow instead of black, and they have the white front at the base of the bill. The White patch on the side of the face is also not so regular as that in the Canada but extends back further on the face. There are also thirteen very young goslings there that are crosses between the Orientals and the Blue. What won't some ornithologists think if they see the results of this flying around somewhere where it is not evident what has been done! In fact, two years ago they lost 36 of their Canada Geese here because the original leader who had been pinioned was killed by dogs and the rest picked a new leader and took off."

EGRETS: This is possibly the best Egret year ever known in this area. Please be on the watch on all lakes and streams, and particularly in swampy areas. We would like a report to compile data on numbers of individuals in our territory. Also be on the watch for Little Blue Herons and Snowy Egrets. One of the latter has been seen along Sandy Creek, north of Hamlin, N. Y.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trips

Sunday, August 22nd: Trip to see Egrets. Leader H. D. Mitchell (Un.8532) Meet in Plaza Parking Area, Main St.& Kenmore Ave. in front of Grant's 8:00 A. M.

Sunday, September 12th: Niagara Loop. Leader Winston Brockner (El.6888) Meet at Delaware and Hertel Avenues 7:00 A. M.

Saturday, September 18th: - Dunnville Marsh and Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, with James L. Baillie, Jr., Ornithologist of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, and President of the Toronto Field Naturalists Club. Contact Leader B. Nathan (Gr.8020) for meeting place and time. (See Meetings for more details.)

Sunday, September 19th: - Grouse Consus. Leader James Creighton (Hamburg 732) Select your territory and contact leader or E. Praemassing (Pa.1088).

Saturday, September 25th: - Tifft Street and Woodlawn. Leader A.J.Wright II (Cl.5454) Meet at Genesee Street side of City Hall 1:30 P. M.

Meetings

Wednesday, September 8th: Picnic Supper and Meeting, Elko Beach, Sherkston, Ontario. Leader, K. & E. Praemassing (Pa.1088) Meet at Entrance to Peace Bridge 5:30 P. M.

Saturday, September 18th: - Dinner Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Cafeteria, Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Park, following field trip to Dunnville Marsh. Dr. James L. Baillie, Jr., Ornithologist of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology and President of the Toronto Field Naturalists Club will be the speaker and guest of the day. Reservations for the dinner must be made not later than Tuesday, September 14th. Come in field clothes. Make reservations with one of the following: -

E. Praemassing, 87 Lindon Avenue, Pa. 1088
Mrs. A. C. Brettle, Hamburg, 1527
Mrs. Axel Heilborn, Niagara Falls 328-44

All reservations must be paid if unable to attend. (Also see last page)

Wednesday, September 22nd: - NO MEETING.

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The Month

July was a pleasant month. Rainfall totaled 2.58 inches, as compared with an average of 3.03 inches, and more than half fell during the evening of the 27th. Most of the days were sunny and comfortably warm. Mean temperature was two degrees higher than recorded normal, but this difference is probably attributable to the fact that most of our past records are from the period when the Weather Bureau instruments were atop the Telephone Building, close to the Lake Erie breezes. On the 30th a high wind accompanied a thundersquall which caused considerable damage. There were no other high winds. July is always a static month for birds in our area, with two exceptions, the migrating shorebirds and the wandering visitants. No unusual records of the first category were reported, but the southern herons initiated what promises to be by far their greatest invasion. The Snowy Egret record is especially noteworthy, being the first undoubted occurrence of the species in our territory.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* --- denotes first record of species for year
F --- " first record of migration.
() --- " noteworthy numbers or locations

Common Loon	July 7	1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan
Horned Grebe	" 3	1	" "	Canada trip
	" 7	1	" "	Nathan
Amer. Egret	" 18F	2	Dunnville Marsh, Canal	Feeder, Ont.-Filor et al
	" 23	3	Akron Reservoir	Pixley, Beadle
	(Pumping Station attendant stated six had been there)			
Snowy Egret *	" 27F	1	Hamlin	Guelf
	" 31	1	"	Guelf, Mitchell
Least Bittern	" 27	1	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Tilley, et al
Mallard Duck	" 27	1-4Y	Gull Island	" " "
Pintail	May 30	2-23Y	" "	Brockner, Hermes
	July 14	1	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell
Ruddy Duck	" 27	1 M	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Tilley, et al
Amer. Merganser	" 7	1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan
Turkey Vulture	" 14	1	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell
Ruffed Grouse	" 10,11	8	Allegany Park	Eschelman, et al
Pigeon Hawk	" 30	1 F	Town of Amherst	Beardslee, Mitchell

Wilson Snipe	July 5	1	So. Dayton	Webster
	" 14	1	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell
	" 16	1	Grand Island	McCanns
Greater Yellowlegs	" 14	1 F	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Mitchell
Lesser " "	" 14	1 F	" " "	"
Least Sandpiper	" 14	1 F	Port Colbourne, Ont.	"
Pectoral "	" 7	1 F	Slag Ponds, Pt. Colbourne	Nathan, Vaughan
Gt. Black-backed Gull	" 17	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Diem
Black Tern	" 16	25	Grand Island	McCanns
	" 27	250	Dunnville Marsh, Ont.	Tilley, et al
Screech Owl	" 22	1	Delaware Park	Rosche
Y.B. Sapsucker	" 10	1	Allegany Park	Eschelmans, et al
Sh. Billed Marsh Wren	" 5	18	So. Dayton	Webster
Prairie Warbler	" 5	1	Perrysburg	"
No. Water-thrush	" 5	1	Batavia (migrant)	Pixley
La. " "	" 10	1	Allegany Park	Escholmans, et al
Mourning Warbler	" 10	1	" "	" " "
Henslow Sparrow	" 5	(20)	So. Dayton	Webster

BREEDING BIRD CENSUS - JUNE 6, 1948.
BALSAM BOG TRACT - FREEDOM, N. Y.

For the second successive year, an attempt was made June 6th to census the tract of approximately 100 acres, including the Balsam Bog. This tract, however, includes a variety of habitats: - cultivated field, neglected field, hemlock forest, deciduous forest (maple), blackberry tangle, balsam-hemlock bog, and almost all intergradations of these.

The forests are dense, the tangle and the bog are in places virtually impassable, and we have as yet been unable to make a scientifically complete census of the breeding birds. However, we now have a fairly good idea of the species inhabiting this region, and of their relative abundance and habitat preference.

Some of the more interesting species found include: Broad-winged Hawk, Winter Wren (singing), Mourning, Canada, Magnolia, Black & White and Blackburnian Warblers, Blue-headed Vireo, Northern Water-thrush, Sapsucker, Grouse and Black-billed Cuckoo. A Yellow-breasted Chat and a Nashville Warbler were found just off the census tract. In all, 147 individuals of 53 species were found on the tract, with Red-eyed Vireos being the most abundant species. The density found is 184 per 100 acres, but there must be many birds there which were overlooked.

It will probably require an accurate survey, with markers, and many trips in other years, to make a thorough census of this tract.

Ed Seeber

OBSERVATIONS OF HUMMING-BIRDS

During the past few years a combination of a pair of binoculars, a camera, a home-made feeding-flower and the finding of nests seem to have focused our attention on the Ruby-throat.

Possibly one reason for this was that most observations could be made very comfortably from an easy chair on the porch of our camp at Lorraine, Ont.

From this spot we could watch the red-petaled test-tube feeder - 10 feet away - and also a knoll just beyond, which is covered in Spring with wild columbine, and later with other flowers. It has been noticed, no matter what different flowers are in bloom, that the Hummer usually prefers the feeder, which might bring to mind several questions. Has this bird a keen sense of taste; is he indifferent to the perfume

of a flower; is he lazy, or is he just plain smart? Our personal observations would lead us to believe that the different perfumes of different flowers are inconsequential - that nectar is still just nectar - and that his preference might be simply one of sight, such as the attraction of the colors of flowers, red being first, and the ease with which food can be obtained.

Has he a keen sense of taste? We still are not sure after one experience last summer. A small bottle of mixed honey and water had been placed on our porch where it was handy to refill the feeder. Through oversight this bottle had been left where the hot sun finally reached it. The bottle was still nearly full that night so we continued to use it next day. That Sunday noon as I was sitting on the porch, it became noticeable that one male Ruby-Throat was coming back to the feeder every ten minutes instead of every twenty to twenty-five minutes - and that each flight appeared more erratic than the one before. Then came the time when instead of flying stationary before the flower and drinking, he sat down on one of the petals, grasped it awkwardly with both feet, took a long drink and then nearly fell off. That was the time for action - as he vibrated away through the trees. We smelled of the bottle and found out that the solution had worked. No wonder the little fellow almost reeled as he flew back and forth. I guess the habit of knowing where a free meal could be found had overcome his sense of taste - or maybe he just liked it. Needless to say, we made him sign the pledge. We were very sure from then on he was kept from acquiring a temptation for strong drink.

It has also been noticed that the male H.B. does not use the feeder nearly as often as the female. He apparently has an endless amount of time to wander carefree from garden to garden and is not tied down by household duties.

Apparently a change of diet is sometimes desirable. This bird can be seen occasionally going over a pine or cedar tree from top to bottom, peering under, over and around each branch for a choice insect.

I am told that it is a recognized fact that a female will build her nest in the vicinity of easily available feeding grounds. In confirmation of this, no hummingbird nests were ever found near our camp until our feeder was put out. Since then we have found them each year, all within quick flying distance of the feeder.

We had never seen two Hummers ever attempt to eat at the flower at the same time until one day last summer. One was the female from the nest east of the house and the other was the female from the nest on the west side. By luck I was close by and had my binoculars with me. There was one mad scramble for possibly two seconds, blurred action too fast for my eyes to follow, then one shot at terrific speed almost straight up in the air, closely followed by the other. By more good luck I got my binoculars on them at once and followed their weaving, fantastic flight directly overhead until they completely passed out of my vision. Five minutes later the Hummer from the west side came back, took a drink from the feeder and went back to her nest in the maple. A few seconds after that the female from the east side arrived, had her drink and returned to her nest in the pine, as though nothing special had happened.

We have never seen a H.B. building a nest. I hope that some day we will, both for the thrill of watching the procedure and the keeping of a record. Each nest we have discovered has been completed with two white eggs already laid. This past year we decided to keep a record and this is how it turned out: -

On May 24th we saw our first H.B. of the 1947 season - a female - feeding at the wild columbine on the knoll.

Did not see a male H.B. until June 20th when he was at the feeder.

June 21 - Discovered our first nest in a small pine tree - 5 feet above the ground and about 20 ft. from our back porch on the east side of the cottage. 2 eggs had already been laid.

July 2 - Both eggs hatched today, both chicks alive.
" 3 - One chick is dead.
" 4 - Female disposed of the dead chick. I could not find it on the ground under the tree or even nearby, so assume she carried it away from that immediate vicinity.
" 17 - Remaining chick is now 15 days old and is growing fast. When hatched it had a plain, very dark grey skin with a very few tiny feathers more like hair or down. The feathers have gradually filled in and become longer and now today the back feathers show some irridescent green coloring. Neither the female nor the chick have shown any apparent anxiety when we have approached the nest, When viewing the nest we have had to stand within two feet of it, as it is well hidden and slightly below eye level.

A female H.B. has either the utmost confidence that we will not harm it, or else is exceedingly brave. She certainly does not have the same confidence in birds, squirrels or chipmunks. Should a chipmunk venture near the tree, she gets rid of it in a hurry by one single dive-bombing run directly over its head. Should a larger bird such as a robin or crested flycatcher land nearby, she first tries out the swaying flight directly in front of it in the form of a pendulum swing. If this does not have the desired effect she start the bullet-like dive-bombing runs. It has been noticed that two such diving runs accompanied by the scarcely heard squeaks makes any bird move away pretty rapidly to more peaceful places.

Since the first week after the chick was hatched we have never seen the female on the nest during daylight hours, except during a high wind or rainstorm. However, she was always nearby on that tree or one close to it. The female, while caring for and feeding the chick, will make two or three trips in quick succession to the feeding flower and then wait about half an hour before her next quick succession of trips. Before the chick was hatched, she would only make one trip each 20 to 25 minutes.

July 20 - The chick is now 18 days old and is fully as large as the female. It appear to take up the whole nest, although two chicks in a nest last year seemed to fit just as comfortably in an equal sized nest. Its bill spreads over the top of the nest in one direction, while its tail spreads over the opposite side. It sometimes spreads its wings over the edges of the nest as if exercising them, together with getting all the benefit possible from the sunshine occasionally showing through the branches. It has disrupted the smooth white cottony appearance of the rim of the nest by often running its bill through the edge. The nest is becoming quite ragged-looking.

July 27 - The chick left the nest today - 25 days after hatching. For days following this date I have watched this nest both day and night and believe the chick never once returned after its initial flight.
On this same date we discovered another H.B. nest. It is in a maple, about 12 ft. above the ground and about 25 ft. distant from our side porch which is on the opposite side of the cottage from the first nest.

Sept. 20 - Male H.B.s come to the feeding flower now only occasionally. One male Hummer is feeding every day at the wild phlox which almost covers the slope from our camp down to the shore. It has appropriated a low curving dead twi on one of the basswood trees 30 ft. from our porch for its resting place in between feedings. It feeds five to ten minutes, then rests or preens itsel on the twig from thirty to fifty seconds, then feeds again, repeating this performance from early morning to night.

Oct. 20 - We had our last view of a H.B. for the 1947 season today. It was a male, feeding on the Salvia near the camp entrance.

Charles M. Epes

Notes

Reports from Rochester and vicinity for July as reported by W.L.G.Edson show a pronounced shorebird migration during the second week of the month. Species recorded

included Solitary, Least, Stilt and Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Lesser Yellowlegs and Dowitcher. The following week Semi-palmated Plover, Greater Yellowlegs, Pectoral and Baird's Sandpiper were also observed. An immature Little Gull and another changing to adult plumage were observed during the month. During the last week of July American Egrets appeared, while migrants included Ruddy Turnstone and Caspian Tern.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Field Trips

Sunday, September 12th - Niagara Loop - Leader, W. Brockner, El. 6888. Meet Delaware and Hertel at 7 A. M.

Sunday, September 12th - The Toronto Field Naturalists Club has invited the B.O.S. to accompany its members on a trip in conjunction with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists to visit the Forestry Station at Midhurst, near Barrie, Ont., about seventy miles north of Toronto. Call E. Praemassing, Pa. 1088, for particulars.

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See "Meetings" for more details.

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Saturday, September 25th - Tifft Street and Woodlawn. Leader, A.J.Wright, II. Cl.5454. Meet at Genesee St. side of City Hall at 1:30 P. M.

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E. Praemassing, 87 Linden Ave., Pa. 1088
Mrs. A. C. Breckle, Hamburg 1527
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As is the case with so many calendar months, August was clearly divided, so far as temperature was concerned, into halves which were strikingly different. The first fifteen days averaged three and one-half degrees below normal, while the last sixteen days were warm, averaging seven degrees above normal. During this latter period, on the 27th, the mercury touched 98.6 degrees, highest in the history of the Buffalo Weather Bureau. Precipitation for the month was only 1.10 inches, a seriously low figure. Those of us who have watched for the start of the fall warbler migration over a period of years have come to expect the first modest wave about the 15th of the month. The date varies with the weather, and occasionally a fair number of migrant warblers are to be found by the tenth or even earlier. The cool weather of early August this year, particularly the lows of 47 and 49 on the 7th and 9th, led some of us to suspect that 1948 might see an early migration. Apparently, however, any warblers which entertained the idea of starting south at that time decided to stay around a bit longer when the weather turned warmer, and as the temperature continued to mount up until almost the end of the month, they never did start to move southward. I do not recall any latter half of August so devoid of warbler migrants. There were several fine records of species of other families, notably Hooded Merganser, Laughing Gull, Carolina Wren and Pipit. The Snowy Egret record was particularly fine, as was the splendid showing of the American Egrets. Most of the shore birds were present in normal numbers or better. Most amazing record of all, and unquestionably one which deserves a place along with Gordon Meade's Sage Thrasher of 1942, was the Wandering Tattler. That is really something.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

F --- denotes first record of migration.

Common Loon	7/26-8/6	1 imm.	Dewittville	Sundell
	7/29 to date		Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
	Aug. 1	5	Mud Lake, Ont.	ditto et al
American Egret	Aug. 2	2	Kent Switch	Webster
	All month	6	Lake Akron	Ahlgren
	Aug. 6	17	Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Norton
	All month		Castile	Thompson
	Aug. 7	3	Hamlin Beach	Vaughan
	" 11	7	Mud Lake, Ont.	Wright
	" 12	7	Oak Orchard	Mitchell
	" 14	1	Bergen	Audubon Trip

Amer.Egret (Cont.)	Aug.8	4	Sherkston,Ont.	Elberg, Hedley
	" 9	5	Mud Lake, Ont.	Nathan, Seeber
		2	Canal Feeder,Ont.	" "
	" 14	14	Mud Lake & Canal Feeder,Ont.	Diem
	" 15	8	" " " "	" Nathan,Seeber
	" 17	1	Burntship Creek	Klabunde
	" 22	22	Oak Orchard,Brockport	Mitchell, et al
	" 24	1	Sherkston, Ont.	Elberg, Hedley
	"27,30	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundell
	" 28	16	Oak Orchard	Mitchell
	" 29	9	Mud Lake, Ont.	Brockner, Hermes
	" 30	1	Sherkston, Ont.	Mrs. Gamble
Snowy Egret	" 6	1	Hamlin	Guelf, Mitchell
Least Bittorn	" 1	2	Aud.Canadian Shore trip	
	" 7	1	Kent Switch	Webster
	" 9	1	Dunville Marsh,Ont.	Nathan, Seeber
Gadwall	" 24	2	Grand River,Ont.	Hedley, Elberg
Pintail	" 1	7	Aud.Canadian Shore trip	
	" 6	20	Oak Orchard	Mitchell
	" 15	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Nathan, Dooley
	" 29	6	Mud Lake, Ont.	Brockner, Hermes
Green-w.Teal	" 1	2	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 15	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Nathan, Dooley
	" 24	2	Dunville Marsh, Ont.	Hedley, Elberg
Wood Duck	" 7	2	Kent Switch	Webster
	" 14	80	Stafford's Pond,O.O.	Aud.Bergen Trip
	" 29	10	Mud Lake,Ont.	Brockner, Hermes
	" 31	25	Burntship Creek	Heilborn
Hooded Merganser	" 24	1	Buffalo Harbor	Nathan, Seeber
Amer. Merganser	" 29	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Wright,Nathan
Turkey Vulture	" 6	10	South Dayton	Webster
Bald Eagle	" 22	2	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
*Wandering Tattler F	" 1	1	Sugarloaf Pt.,Pt.Colborne,Ont.	-Aud.Canadian Shore Trip (see note)
Semi-Palm.Plover	" 1	22	Aud. Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	98	Shore Bird Count	
Killdeer	" 8	228	" " "	
Blk.Bel.Plover	" 7	4	Grand Island	Vaughan
	" 15	12	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Nathan, Dooley
	" 29	35	Rockhouse " "	Nathan, Wright
Ruddy Turnstone	" 1	7	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	11	Shore Bird Count	
Woodcock	" 30	1	Delaware Park	Nathan
Wilson's Snipe	" 2	1	Tifft St.	Nathan, Seeber
	" 15	10	Mud Lake & Lake Shore,Ont.	Diem
	" 15	2	Burntship Creek	Vaughan
	" 19-	25	Canal Feeder,Ont.	Wright
	" 22	2	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
Hudsonian Curlew	" 8	11	Shore Bird Count	
Upland Plover	" 22	2	Hamlin Beach	Mitchell et al
	" 29	1	Aud. Hamilton Trip-near Black Creek	
Sp.Sandpiper	" 1	52	Aud. Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	379	Shore Bird Count	
Solitary Sandpiper	" 1	7	Aud. Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	30	Shore Bird Count	
	" 22	20	Oak Orchard,Brockport	Mitchell et al
	" 24	12	Dunville Marsh,Ont.	Hedley, Elberg

Gr.Yellowlegs	Aug. 8	1	Shore Bird Count	
	" 12	2	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
	" 15	6	Mud Lake, Ont.	Diem
		10	Can.Lake Shore	Nathan, Dooley
Yellowlegs	" 1	16	Aud.Canadian Shore trip	
	" 8	23	Shore Bird Count	
	" 29	20,40	Can.Lake Shore	Brockner,Hermes,Wright
Knot	" 8	1	Shore Bird Count	
	" 21	2	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Gamble
	" 24	2	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Elberg,Hedley
	" 29	5	Can. Shore	Brockner,Hermes,Wright
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 8	10	Shore Bird Count	
	" 19	20	Canal Feeder, Ont.	Wright
Baird's Sandpr.	" 1	2	Crescent Beach, Ont.	Filer,Drobits
	" 3,6	1	Dewittville	Sundell
	" 8	2	Shore Bird Count	
	" 22	1	Bird Island Pier	Filer,Drobitz,Hedley
	" 28	3	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell
Least Sandpr.	" 1	15	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	216	Shore Bird Count	
Wht.rump.Sandpr.	" 24	2	Dunville Marsh, Ont.	Hedley,Elberg
E.Dowitcher	" 15	3	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Dooley
	" 21	1	Tonawanda Pond	Nathan, Seeber
	" 22	5	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
	" 24	4	Tonawanda Pond	Gamble
	" 29	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Wright
Stilt Sandpr.	" 8	1	Shore Bird Count	
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	" 19	1	Canal Feeder, Ont.	Wright
	" 24	1	Dunville Marsh, Ont.	Elberg,Hedley
	" 29	1	Canal Feeder, Ont.	Brockner, Hermes
Semi-Palm.Sandpr.	" 1	385	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	550	Shore Bird Count	
Western Sandpr.	" 1	2	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	6	Shore Bird Count	
	" 19	4	Canal Feeder, Ont.	Wright
	" 22	1	Bird Island Pier	Filer,Hedley,Drobitz
	" 24	3	Dunville Marsh, Ont.	Elberg,Hedley
	" 29	3	Canal Feeder, Ont.	Brockner,Hermes,Wright
Sanderling	" 1	21	Aud.Canadian Shore Trip	
	" 8	50	Shore Bird Count	
Blk.Backed Gull	" 8	1	Shore Bird Count	
Laughing Gull F	" 1	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Filer,Drobitz
Bonaparte's Gull	" 8	2500	Shore Bird Count	
Caspian Tern	" 25	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	gGamble
	" 29	3	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Nathan,Wright
Black Tern	" 24	2000	Buffalo Harbor	Nathan, Seeber
	" 29	3250	Aud.Hamilton Trip	
	" 31	6000	NiagaraRiver	Nathan, Seeber
Screech Owl	" 15	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Diem
Yel.-bel.Flycatcher	"8 F	1	Shore Bird Count	
Bank Swallow	Aug. 15	2500	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Dooley
	" 15	3000	Canadian Shore	Diem
Cliff Swallow	" 24	12	Kent Switch	Webster
Brown Creeper	" 8	1	Beaver Lake, Bliss	Escholmanns
Carolina Wren	" 2-8	1	Brockport	Guelf
Short-b.Marsh Wren	" 7	6	Kent Switch	Webster
	" 24	1	Dunville Marsh, Ont.	Elberg,Hedley
Bl.gr.Gnatcatcher	" 10	1	Near Dunkirk	Mitchell
Pipit	"16-17	10	Lockport	Webster

Blk.& Wh.Warbler	Aug.	14		1	Aud.Bergen Trip	
	"	21		1	Long Beach, Ont.	Diem
	"	30		1	Delaware Pt., [illegible]	Nathan
Nashville Warbler	"	16	F	1	Grove's Woods	Wendling
Magnolia Warbler	"	16	F	1	" "	"
Cape May Warbler	"	21	F	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Diem
Myrtle Warbler	"	11	F	1	Downtown Buffalo	Almendinger
Bl.-Thr.Gr. "	"	27	F	1	Grove's Woods	Wendling
N.Water-thrush	"	8	F	9	Shore Bird Count	
	"	14		1	Grand Island	Wallace
Canada Warbler	"	24	F	2	Grove's Woods	Wendling
Redstart	"	30	F	1	Delaware Park	Nathan
Bobolink	"	7		50	Kent Switch	Webster
	"	12		30	Brockport	Mitchell et al
	"	29		38	Crescent Beach, Ont.	Brockner, Hermes
Orchard Oriole	"	8		1	Shore Bird Count	

WOOD DUCK NEST IN AN ORCHARD

The mention of observations of Wood Ducks usually brings to mind habitat pictures of flooded woodlands, cat-tail swamps and marshes. Forbush and May, in the book "Natural History of the Birds of Eastern and Central North America", tell that at the time of abundance, these ducks nested in the trees about the farm-houses and in the orchards, but with the decline in numbers, we have looked for the birds under the more feral conditions.

During the summer of 1947, in the town of Wolcott, N. Y., near the Lake Ontario shore, a pair of wood ducks, deviating from the usual nesting sites, chose a cavity in an apple tree in an orchard, within three hundred feet from the farmer's back door. At one time the drake even perched on the barn roof in full view of the owner.

The nest tree, in the second row of the orchard and about seventy feet from the edge, had a cavity four feet from the ground with two opposite openings just at eye-level, giving a very advantageous view of the interior. At the time of my observation, the female remained on the nest for fully a minute before she flew out of the hole opposite to the one in which I was looking.

For a full appreciation of the environment, a description of the surrounding country should help. In the drainage of the Ontario plain, creeks cut into the clay banks along the shore-line and in many cases over the years have formed bays which extend considerable distances and usually terminate in wet woodlands with elms, maples and hemlocks and considerable undergrowth. The above mentioned orchard is separated only by a field from a wood-lot of this type. The immediate area of this bay also includes a tamarack swamp, a wild cranberry bog, a large area covered with leatherleaf and on the upper slopes beech, birch, maples and hemlocks grow.

Another pair of wood ducks also nested in the apple orchard of a farm across the road.

Mr. George Smith of Lyndonville, N. Y., has had considerable success with wood ducks in concrete nesting boxes, around the edges of an artificial pond just on the edge of the village.

Under the much-needed protection, this bird has increased appreciably and is again appearing in numbers and apparently is moving closer to human habitation as mentioned by Forbush and May. By its versatility, it in all probability will retain its place under the [illegible] rapidly changing conditions which are now having influence on wild life.

E. C. Ulrich

FALL PYMATUNING TRIP

On September 11th seven of us left Buffalo on a rainy morning, but by the time we reached the Soldiers' Home grounds at Erie, the weather cleared and we saw nine species of shore birds, including Black-bellied Plover, Baird's Sandpiper and Dowitcher. On Presque Isle very few birds were seen, a strong off-shore wind affecting observation.

Arriving at Linesville we enjoyed some excellent motion pictures taken by Conley Shoemaker of Pittsburgh, many of these from the Jersey Coast, of Ospreys and of Herons and Egrets at Stone Harbor, and slides of Mexican scenes by Warren Donaldson of Greenville, Pa. We all missed the genial Grant Cook of Youngstown, Ohio, who died from a heart attack during the summer. None of the other sponsors, except the writer, could be present, but a meeting was held later, at which it was decided to set the second week-end in May and the last week-end in September as the dates for the 1949 Pymatuning group outings.

Sunday was a fine day, and an early morning trip along the railroad tracks produced quite a list of birds, including Bald Eagle, several American Egrets (of which 26 in all were seen during the day) and several kinds of ducks. After breakfast we visited the Spillway and the mud flat area at Andover, and listed thirteen species of shorebirds, including Black-bellied Plover, Wilson's Snipe, Solitary, Pectoral, Baird's, and Stilt Sandpipers, and in a marsh nearby four Soras and one King Rail. Caspian and Black Terns, two Kingbirds and Crested Flycatcher were among the other species seen. Warblers were, however, almost entirely absent from the area. The close views which we obtained of the Rails and Shorebirds were the high points of an enjoyable trip.

Harold D. Mitchell

Notes

Reports from Rochester and vicinity for August, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, confirm the extensive Egret invasion. A Hooded Merganser seen early in the month and again in mid-month, is noteworthy. Fifteen species of Shorebirds were seen in the week ending August 20th, including Black-bellied Plover, Baird's Sandpiper and Dowitcher, while Caspian Tern, Barn, Screech and Saw-whet Owls, as well as Migrant Shrike, were also observed. The following week's records included Shoveler, Western Sandpiper, Golden-winged, Cerulean, Pine and Canada Warblers, some of these warblers being probable migrants, representing the first indication of a southward movement of land birds during a notably warm month.

The occurrence of the Wandering Tattler on August 1st near Port Colbourne, Ont., has been written up by Dr. Harold Axtell for publication in THE AUK. It was seen under excellent conditions, both at rest and in flight, by several experienced observers, and its note was also heard, so that there can be no doubt whatever as to the accuracy of the identification.

Harold D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, September 22nd: No Meeting.
Wednesday, October 13th: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Plans for Fall Duck Census to be held October 17th. Leader Eugenia Praemassing (Vi. 3289)

Wednesday, October 27th: Results of Fall Duck Census by Eugenia Praemassing (Vi.3289) Results of June Distribution Census by B. Nathan, Leader.
Wednesday, November 10th: Recent Motion Pictures by Robert Hermes.

Field Trips

Saturday, September 25th: Tifft Street and Woodlawn. Leader A.J.Wright II. (Cl.5454) Meet at Genesee St. side of City Hall 1:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 2nd: Buffalo Harbor and Niagara River. Leader: Wm. Almendinger (Wa.5136) Meet at Genesee St. side of City Hall 1 P.M. (First stop Tifft Street)

Sunday, October 17th: Fall Duck Census, Leader E. Praemassing (Wi.3289)

Saturday & Sunday, November 13-14: Members of the B.O.S. are invited to the first Annual Meeting of the Federation of Bird Clubs of New York State, which will be held in Rochester, N.Y., in the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Members are also invited to present papers. Contact Wm. C. Vaughan for details.

Sunday, November 7th: Trip to LeRoy. Leader E. Ulrich(Pa.8896) Meet Main City Line and Kenmore Ave. at 8 A. M.

Audubon Program

Trips: Saturday morning trips during October: Meet corner Windsor and Rumsey Rd. at 7 A. M. for walk in Delaware Park and at about 8 A.M. in Forest Lawn.

October 9th, Saturday 1:30 P.M. Field trip to Delaware Park. Meet at Windsor & Rumsey Rd. Later, if transportation is available, we will visit the Tifft Farm. Leader Richard Roesche (Un. 8859)

Meetings:
Wednesday, October 6th: 8 P.M. Humboldt Room, Museum. First Indoor Meeting. Feeding Station Committee Program; Plans for winter; Bird Slides; a large turnout desired.

Sunday, October 10th - 3 P.M. Buffalo Museum of Science Auditorium. Screen Tour Lecture under Auspices of Buffalo and National Audubon Societies. Laurel Reynolds "With Feathers Flying."

Sunday, October 31st: 3 P.M. Buffalo Museum of Science Auditorium - Audubon Screen Tour - Allen Cruickshank "Trails for The Millions."

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The Month

September was for the most part a mild, pleasant month. True, total precipitation was 5.74 inches, almost double the normal, but the rains were concentrated into a very few days, and since they were badly needed, they did not leave the usual impression of unpleasantness. Temperature averaged 3.3 degrees above normal. On almost every day of the month, a few of the small migrants could be found, but not a single real wave was reported. Even on the river the consistently mild weather had its effect, the gull population on the 30th being more typical of mid-September in respect to relative numbers of Herring, Ring-billed, and Bonaparte's Gulls. Despite the equability of the weather, however, some excellent records were turned in. There was a very good flight of Golden Plover; a Red Phalarope was reported; one or more Franklin's Gulls could be found on the upper river throughout the month; a very worth while study of the September Bobolink population was made by Gertrude Webster (two records from her study are given below); and at long last we have a September Henslow's Sparrow.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

F --- denotes first record of migration
L --- " last " " "

Common Loon	Sept. 4 F	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
Holboell's Grebe	" 19 F	1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan, et al
Amer. Egret	" 4	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
	" 6,14	1,1	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
	" 11	1	So. Dayton	Webster
	" 18	7	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie Trip
Least Bittern	" 11 L	1	So. Dayton	Webster
Baldpate	" 4 F	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
	" 12	1	Niagara Loop	" et al
	" 18	20	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19	5	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
Pintail	" 4	3	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
	" 6	4	Riverside Marsh	Beal, Sundells
	" 17	2	Delaware Park	Axtell
	" 18	50	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
Green-w. Teal	" 15	12	Grand Island	Nathan, et al

Hooded Morganser	Sept. 5	2	Mud Lake, Ont.	Brockner
Amer. "	" 18	4	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 26	6	Red House Lake	Escholman
Red-br. "	" 18	2	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Baillie trip
Turkey Vulture	" 25	17	So. Dayton	Webster
Red-sh. Hawk	" 18	2	Canadian Shore	Baillie trip
	" 19	2	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	" 23	1	E. Aurora	Axtell
Bald Eagle	" 4	1	Burntship Creek	Heilborn
	" 12	1	Niagara Loop	Brockner, et al
	" 19	2	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	" 26	2	Burntship Creek	Drobits
Osprey	" 19	1	Zoar Valley	Gamble
Duck Hawk	" 2 F	1	Jamestown	Beal
Sora Rail	" 12	2	Niagara Loop	Brockner, et al
	" 19	1(dead)	Protection	Gamble
Golden Plover	" 15 F	1	Tifft St.	Wright
	" 18	47	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19	12	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	" 26	35	" "	Nathan, Drobits
Black-bel. Plover	" 15	12	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Diem
	" 18	4	Canadian Shore	Baillie trip
	" 20	1	Tifft St.	Axtell
Ruddy Turnstone	July 18 F	1	Buffalo Harbor	McCann
	Sept. 21 L	1	Bird Is. Pier	Mitchell
Woodcock	" 29	1	Buffalo	Eames
Spotted Sandpiper	" 26	1	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
	" 29	1	" " "	Axtell
	" 30	1	South Park	Brockner
Solitary "	" 15	2	Long Beach, Ont.	Diem
	" 18	1	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19	1	Kensington Quarry	Wolfling
		1	Dunville, Ont.	Heilborn
	" 26	6	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 18	15	Canadian Shore	Baillie trip
	" 26	12	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
White-rumped "	" 4	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
Baird's "	" 3,5	1,2	Bird Is. Pier	Drobits
	" 4	4	Woodlawn	Wright
	" 18 L	6	Rockhouse Pt., Crystal Beach, Ont.-	Baillie trip
Red-backed "	" 18 F	2	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Baillie Trip
Stilt "	" 4	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
Western "	" 3	1	Bird Is. Pier	Drobits
	" 4	2	Gull Island, Ont.	Brockner
	" 18	2	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 26	1	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
Sanderling	" 18	35	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 26	20(max.)	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
Red Phalarope	" 26 F	1	Bird Is. Pier	Seeber
Gt. Black-b. Gull	" 9	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Wright
Franklin's "	" 2	1	Bird Is. Pier	Mitchell
	" 5	1	" " "	Drobits
	" 9	2	" " "	Andrle
		3	" " " & Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wright
	" 18	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19	1	Bird Is. Pier	Drobits
	" 26	1	" " "	Seeber
Bonaparte's Gull	" 26	4000(max.)	Niagara River	Seeber
Forster's Tern	" 2	1 imm.	Bird Is. Pier	Mitchell
	" 9	1 "	" " "	Andrle

Forster's Tern (Cont.)	Sept.	19	1	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	"	19	1	Bird Is. Pier	Drobits
	"	26	1	" " "	Soober
Caspian Tern	"	18 L	2	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Baillie Trip
Black Tern	"	4	1500	Niagara River	Mitchell
	"	18	250	Canadian Shore	Baillie trip
	"	19	10	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	"	26	3	Niagara River	Soober
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	"	19 L	1	Forest Lawn	Brocknor
Black-b. "	"	3	1	Grove's Woods	Wendling
	"	4	1	Delaware Park	Mitchell
Whip-poor-will	"	11 L	1	Snyder	Gamble
Nighthawk	"	7	50	Kenmore	Beardsleo
	"	14	31	Buffalo	Mitchell
	"	15	10	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
	"	27.30 L	2,2	Forest Lawn	Almendinger
	"	29	9	U.B.Campus	Doyle
Chimney Swift	"	18 L	5	Canadian Shore	Baillie Trip
Hummingbird	"	19	1	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	"	26 L	1	Allegany St.Pk.	Eschelman
Yel.-b.Sapsucker	"	22 F	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
	"	23	1	LaSalle	Heilborn
Kingbird	"	18 L	1	Port Colbourne, Ont.	Baillie trip
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	21 L	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Least "	"	11 L	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell, et al
Bank Swallow	"	17 L	1	Grand Island	" " "
Barn "	"	12	8	Niagara Loop	Brocknor, et al
	"	19	1	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	"	26	1	So. Dayton	Webster
Cliff "	"	6 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Purple Martin	"	4	1500	Starin Ave.	Mitchell
	"	26	6	Bird Is. Pier	Soober
			5	Kensington Quarry	Wolfling
Blue Jay	"	18,20	1,1	Kensington "	Roscho
	"	22	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Red-br.Nuthatch	"	21F,23,29	-1,1,2	" "	"
	"	26	2	" "	Soober
Winter Wren	"	21F,22,27	-2,3,1	Forest Lawn	Axtell
Short-b. Marsh Wren	"	26 L	2	So. Dayton	Webster
Wood Thrush	"	29	1	Buffalo	Eames
Hermit "	"	27 F	1	Forest Lawn	Axtell
	"		1	Delaware Pk.	Almendinger
Olive-b.Thrush	"	4 F	1	" "	Mitchell
Gray-ch. "	"	19 F	2	" "	Axtell, Brocknor
Veery	"	18	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	"	19 L	1	Delaware Pk.	Brocknor
Golden-cr.Kinglet	"	26 F	5	Kensington Quarry	Wolfling
Ruby-cr. "	"	19 F	1	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
Pipit	"	7,25,26	-1,12,28	So.Dayton	Webster
	"	18	8	Canadian Shore	Baillie trip
	"	25	2	Bird Is. Pier	Drobits
	"	26	6	" " "	Soober
Yellow-th. Vireo	"	12 L	1	So. Dayton	Webster
Philadelphia "	"	15 L	1	Devil's Hole	Koch
Warbling "	"	19 L	1	" "	"
			1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	27 F	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Parula "	"	18 F	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Baillie Trip
Blackburnian "	"	22 L	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Chestnut-s. "	"	22 L	1	" "	"
Blackpoll "	"	9 F	1	South Park	Brocknor

Nor.Water-thrush	Sept. 4		1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
	" 18		1	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19		2	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
La, " "	" 14		1	Buffalo	Eames
Connecticut Warbler	" 14	F	1	"	"
	" 19		1	Grand Island	Seeber
			1	Delaware Park	Brockner
	" 26		2	Forest Lawn	Seeber
Mourning Warbler	" 19		1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
	" 20	L	1	" "	Brockner
Wilson's "	" 4	F	1	Gull Is., Ont.	Brockner
	" 20	L	1	Forest Lawn	Eames
Canada "	" 14	L	1	South Park	Brockner
Bobolink	" 7		150	So, Dayton	Webster
	" 26	L	93	" "	"
Rusty Blackbird	" 18	F	15	Mud Lake, Ont.	Baillie trip
	" 19		2	Grand Island	Nathan, et al
	" 22,23		1,1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Rose-br.Grosbeak	" 23	L	15	E. Aurora	Axtell
Indigo Bunting	" 21		1	Delaware Pk.	Almendinger
	" 22	L	1	Devil's Hole	Koch
Pine Siskin	" 28	F	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell
Henslow's Sparrow	" 26	L	1	Grand Island	Nathan, Drobits
Lincoln's "	" 23	F	1	E. Aurora	Axtell

SHORE BIRD COUNT

The second annual shore-bird count was held on August 8, 1948. The thirteen people who participated were divided into eight parties. We were able to cover the shore line from the Peace Bridge at Fort Erie to Rockhouse Point. More observers would have made it possible to do a better job.

The day selected proved to be a poor day for migrants, larger numbers of individuals having been seen the previous day by Mitchell and others. However, the total number of individuals, 1585, while much lower than last year, probably is a good representative number for a "normal" day at this season. In spite of fewer birds, sixteen species of shorebirds were recorded as against fifteen last year. Those were Semi-Palmated Plover, Killdeer, Turnstone, Hudsonian Curlew, Spotted, Solitary, Pectoral, Baird's, Least, Stilt, Semi-palmated and Western Sandpipers, Greater and Lesser Yellow-legs, Knot and Sanderling.

Next year we will ha ve another shore count. More observers and cars will be needed to make it a thorough success.

Ed Seeber

Notes

Reports from Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G.Edson for the week ending Sept. 3rd include Green-winged Teal, Shoveler, 11 species shore birds, Caspian Tern, Red-br. Nuthatch, and 16 species of Warblers, including Parula, 80 Bay-Breasted, Blackpoll, Palm and Canada. The following week Gadwall, Hooded Merganser, Osprey, Western Sandpiper, Black-b. Gull, Yellow-b. Cuckoo, Philadelphia Vireo, 10 Warblers, including Golden-winged, and Baltimore Oriole were among those reported. For the week ending Sept. 17th reports included Broad-winged Hawk, Solitary and Baird's Sandpipers, Crested Flycatcher, Bank and Barn Swallows, Warbling Vireo, 20 species of Warblers, including Tennessee, Yellow, Myrtle, Hooded and Canada, Bobolink, Junco and White-thr. Sparrow. During the following week records included Least Sandpiper, Nighthawk, Hummingbird, a very late Kingbird, Wood Pewee, Winter Wren, Bicknell's Thrush and Pipit, while only two species of Warblers were reported. However, the last week of September brought another wave of migration, when 13 species of Warblers,

including Black and white, Parula, Magnolia, Cape May, Black-thr. Blue, Chestnut-sided, Bay-breasted and Wilson's, as well as Yellow-thr. and Red-eyed Vireos were reported. Other migrants included Amer. Egret, Green Heron, Bald Eagle, Duck Hawk, Golden Plover, Spotted and Red-backed Sandpipers, Black-b. Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Golden-cr. Kinglet, Migrant Shrike, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-br. Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting.

H. D. Mitchell

Audubon Fall Warbler Count, September 6, 1948.

Areas covered:

A - Kamelot Beh., Ont., Mud Lake, Ont.
B - Langford & Lawtons, N. Y.
C - Frewsburg
D - Tifft St., Porter Ave. & Bird Is.
E - S. Dayton, Kent Switch & Perrysburg
F - Pt. Colbourne & Dunville, Ont.
G - Bird Island and Breakwall
H - Grand Island
I - " "
J - Lorraine Beh., Ont.
K - Cazenovia area
L - Zoar Valley, N. Collins
M - Canadian Shore Lake Erie to Pt. Colbourne, Niagara River to Buffalo
N - Niagara County

Brecknor (5th)
Wolfling
Sundells
Roesche
Webster, Hiller
Gamble
Filer, Drebits (5th)
Tilley, King
Norton, Drebits
Mrs. Epes and Glenny
Bruck
Escholmans
Feeder Canal to Niagara Falls,
Mitchell, Almendinger
Heilborn & Niagara Falls group

In the following text, letters following species refer to areas where they were observed: -

Common Loon 1 A on the 4th inst.; Pied-billed Grebe 78; Gr. Blue Heron 24; Amer. Egret 12; Green Heron 33; B. Cr. Night Heron 37; Amer. Bittern 15; Least Bittern 1 N; Mallard 118; Com. Blk. Duck 229; Baldpate 2; Pintail 15; Green-w. Teal 40; Blue-w. Teal 159; Wood Duck 24; Hooded Merganser 2 A on 5th inst.; Amer. Merganser 3; Red-br. Merganser 2, Turkey Vulture 24; Sharp-sh. Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 6; Red-sh. Hawk 2; Marsh Hawk 23; Osprey 3; Sparrow Hawk 20; Ruffed Grouse 6; Ring-n. Pheasant 51; Virginia Rail 5; Sora Rail 9; Florida Gallinule 96; Coot 4; Semi-palm. Plover 26; Killdeer 377; Black-b. Plover 10; Ruddy Turnstone 1 M; Wilson's Snipe 44; Spotted Sandpiper 46; Solitary Sandpiper 30; Gr. Yellow-legs 50; Yellow-legs 39; Knot 6; Pectoral Sandpiper 25; W-rump Sandpiper 1 Gull Island A; Baird's Sandpiper 2; least Sdpr. 31; Stilt Sdpr. 3; Semi-palm. Sdpr. 39; Western Sdpr. 2; Sanderling 21; Herring Gull 212; Ring-b. Gull 1115; Franklin's Gull 1 Bird Is. Pier G; Bonaparte's Gull 2166; Common Tern 745; Black Tern 2803; Mourning Dove 200; Yellow-b. Cuckoo 3; Black-b. Cuckoo 6; Screech Owl 3; Gr. Horned Owl 1; Whip-poor-will 1 K; Nighthawk 64; Chimney Swift 11; Hummingbird 9; Belted Kingfisher 50; Flicker 99; Red-h. Woodpecker 1; Hairy Woodpecker 1; Downy Wdpr. 11; [illegible] Bird 25; Crested Flycatcher 8; Phoebe 20; Least Flycatcher 4; Wood Pewee 46; Prairie Horned Lark 4; Tree Swallow 64; Bank Swallow 33; Rough-w. Swallow 319; Barn Swallow 108; Purple Martin 2196; Blue Jay 21; Crow 339; Black-c. Chickadee 68; White-br. Nuthatch 5; Brown Creeper 1; House Wren 16; Prairie Marsh Wren 10; Short-b. Marsh Wren 1; Catbird 60; Brown Thrasher 2; Robin 424; Wood Thrush 2; Olive-b. Thrush 3; Veery 1 A; Bluebird 42; Cedar Waxwing 234; Starling 2824; Yellow-th. Vireo 1 E; Red-eyed Vireo 14; Philadelphia Vireo 1 H; Bl. & Wh. Warbler 4; Tennessee Warbler 8; Nashville Warbler 8; Yellow Warbler 5; Magnolia W. 10; Cape May W. 4; Bl.-thr. Blue W. 4; Myrtle W. 2; Bl.-thr. Green W. 5; Blackburnian W. 2; Bay-br. W. 1 M.; Ovenbird 6; No. Waterthrush 1 I; La. Waterthrush 4; N. Yellow-thr. 2; Wilson's W. 5; Canada W 1; Redstart 25; English Sparrow 673; Bobolink 25; Meadow-lark 17; Red-wing 3895; Baltimore Oriole 3; Bronzed Grackle 108; Cowbird 395; Cardinal 35; Indigo Bunting 8; Goldfinch 482; Red-eyed Towhee 13; Savannah Sparrow 47; Grasshopper Sp. 4; Vesper Sp. 39; Chipping Sparrow 7; Field Sp. 13; White-thr. Sp. 6; Swamp Sp. 2; Song Sp. 238.

[illegible] Groups, 32 Observers - 142 species - 22,380 individuals.

Due to the three-day Labor Day holiday it was difficult to get members into the field. Many were blest with non-birder visitors, while many left our area to be blest upon others; with the general result that we could cover only about half of the planned territory. Albeit, considering the small number of workers, the results were highly gratifying. (Two or three of the workers were able to work in areas not otherwise covered on the day before or after the Count).

Due to the prolonged hot weather, warblers were expectedly not present in numbers to be found in normal weather for the season, although most other species were fairly well represented.

The high-lights of the Count were Common Loon, Osprey, Ruffed Grouse, Ruddy Turnstone, White-rumped Sandpiper, Franklin's Gull and Whip-poor-will. The high counts of Black Tern and Purple Martin were also noteworthy.

Your leader wishes to thank all who participated.

W. H. Almendinger.

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, November 10th: Recent motion pictures by Robert Hermes.

Wednesday, November 24th: NO MEETING

Wednesday, December 8th: Plans for Christmas Consus.

Field Trips

Sunday, November 7th: Trip to Leroy. Leader, E. Ulrich (Pa.8896) Meet Main City Line and Kenmore Ave. at 8 A.M.

Saturday & Sunday, November 13-14: Members of the B.O.S. are invited to the first Annual Meeting of the Federation of Bird Clubs of New York State, which will be held in Rochester, N. Y., in the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Members are also invited to present papers. Contact Wm. C. Vaughan for details.

Audubon Program

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 8 P.M. - Meeting in charge of Audubon Associates, Humboldt Room, Museum.

November 13-14 - As above - Meeting of Federation of Bird Clubs. Contact Mr. Mitchell.

Sunday, Nov. 14th, 10 A.M. - Join with Nature Sanctuary Society in trip to Concord Bog. Bring suet, seeds, bread for feeding station. Leader, Robert Knoble. Meet at Museum. Tel. R. Roscho, Un.8859 (boots desirable)

Sunday, Nov. 21st: 9:30 A.M. -Hawk and Owl Trip. Meet Delaware and Hertel. Take lunch. Lincoln Pk., Tonawanda and Grand Island. Leader, H.D. Mitchell, Vi. 2587.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 P.M. - Plans for Xmas Consus - Roscho and Knoble. Also report on Greenwich Audubon Nature Camp, Conn., Messrs. Roscho, Knoble (L.& R.)

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The Month

October was considerably wetter and slightly (1.5 degrees) colder than average, but neither factor affected bird movements violently. In fact, even though the months temperature was below normal, almost every day showed very little departure from the mean for the date, and this very absence of cold snaps eliminated any urge for immediate action, and there were no mass departures apparent. Bonaparte's Gulls, for example, remained on the river much later than usual. Normally present in very large numbers in September and November, they are usually comparatively scarce in October. This year they were exceptionally numerous, since both September and October lacked the cold snaps which usually provide the incntive for resumption of migration. Similarly, as indicated in last month's comments, the even weather of September resulted in complete absence of warbler waves during that month, and actually the best warbler days of the entire fall were in the first half of October. I do not recall any previous year when this was true; usually we like to go out in early October, but so far as warblers are concerned we hope merely to pick up a few late stragglers. Swallows also reflected the favorable weather conditions, being present in unprecedented numbers. Many other excellent records will be found below, and one, that of a Dickcissel, represents only the second record for our territory.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

*-denotes new species for the year. F-denotes first record of migration
L-denotes last record of migration

Common Loon	Oct 5		2	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Axtell
L. Common Loon	" 24	F	1	Niagara Gorge	Thorpe, Nathan, Seeber
					Almendinger
Holboell's Grebe	" 16		1	" "	Gamble
Horned Grebe	" 16	F	1	" "	"
Pied-b Grebe	" 24		65	Max. Grand Is.	Thorpe et al
Canada Goose	" 3	F	30	Snyder	Gamble
	" 18		25	Buffalo	Thorpe
	"24,25		135	Castile	Thompson
	"26,27		60,150	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Dr. Garretson
	" 29		12	Lakeside	Beardslee, Pixley
	" 30		100	Crescent Beach, Ont	Booth, rep Beardslee
	" 31		45	Grand Is.	Axtel
	" 31	F	1	" "	"
Gadwall	" 31		37	Max. Hyde Park	Koch
Baldpate					

Wood Duck	Oct 25	L	1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Thorpe
Redhead	" 20		5	Goat Is.	Mitchell
Canvas-back	" 25	F	21	Pt. Abino,Ont.	Thorpe
Lesser-Scaup Duck	" 5	F	4	Can. Shore-L.Erie	Axtell
	" 12		60	max." " " "	"
Old-squaw	" 10	F	1	Niagara River	Andrle et al
White-w. Scoter	" 14	F	4	Bird Island	Mitchell
	" 16		2	Niagara Gorge	Gamble
* Surf Scoter	" 10	F	6	Buffalo Breakwall	Andrle et al
* Amer. Scoter	" 9	F	2	Niagara River	Rosche
	" 10		2	Buffalo Breakwall	Andrle et al
Ruddy Duck	" 11	F	2	Niagara River	Mitchell
	" 24		1	Lake Leroy	Pixley
Amer. Merganser	" 2		2	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Axtell
	" 24		1	Niagara Gorge	Thorpe et al
Red-br. "	" 20,24		1,1	" "	Mitchell,Thorpe et
	" 30		9	Can. Shore L. Erie	Wright et al
Turkey Vulture	" 10		1	Freusburg	Sundells
	" 12		1	Buffalo	Murphy
	" 30	L	1	Lake Lagrange	Pixley,Long
Red-sh. Hawk	" 23		2	E.Aurora	Rosche
	" 30		1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	Wright et al
	" 31		1	downtown Buffalo	Almendinger
Rough-legged Hawk	" 24	F	1	dark phase-Grand Is.	Thorpe et al
	" 30		1	Windmill Pt.,Ont.	Wright et al
Bald Eagle	" 29		1,3	Shadigee,Lakeside	Beardslee,Pixley
Duck Hawk	" 2		1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Axtell
	" 10		1,1	Pt.Abino,Ont.,Peace Br.	Andrle et al
	" 10		1	Bird Is. Pier	Rosche
	" 15		1	" " "	Almendinger
Sora	" 3		2	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 5	L	2	Can. Shore,L. Erie	Axtell
Florida Gallinule	" 24	L	3	Burntship Creek	Thorpe et al
Semi-p. Plover	" 5	L	5	Can. Shore L. Erie	Axtel
Golden Plover	" 9	L	1	Bird Is. Pier	Gamble
Black-b. Plover	" 2		5	Max.Can. Shore L. Erie	Axtell
	" 30	L	1	Windmill Pt.,Ont.	Wright et al
Woodcock	" 30		1	Grand Is.	Ulrichs
Wilson's Snipe	"31		5	" "	Axtell
Spotted Sandpiper	" 2,3		1,1	Buffalo Breakwall	Mitchell,Almendin
	" 7		1	Delaware Pk.	Murphy
	" 24	L	1	Barcelona	Sundels
Solitary Sandpiper	" 9	L	3	Cazenovia Park	Mitchel et al
Greater Yellowlegs	" 9		6	" "	" " "
	" 16		6	Grand Is.	Tulinoff
	Thereafter many until end of month				
	" 31		20	Grand Is.	Axtell
Yellow-legs	" 2		15	" "	Tulinoff
	" 9	L	2	Tift St.	Mitchell et al
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 2		10	max.Can. Shore L. Erie	Axtell
	" 25	L	1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Thorpe
White-rumped Sandp.	" 2,3		3,6	Can. Shore L.Erie	Axtell,Brockner et
	" 5	L	3	" " " "	"
Least Sandpiper	" 2	L	1	" " " "	"
Red-backed "	" 5		5	max. " " " "	"
Semi-p "	" 5	L	6	" " " "	"
Western "	" 2	L	1	Tift St.	Mitchell
Sanderling	" 2		50	max Can. Lake Erie Shore	Axtell
	" 30	L	12	Pt. Abino,Ont.	Wright et al
Red Phalarope	" 7		1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
	" 9,10		1,1	Niagara River	Gamble,Andrle-Gam?
* Northern Phalarope	" 9	F	1	" "	"
	" 10	L	1	" "	Andrle,Gamble
Gt. Black-b Gull	" 7		1	" "	Mitchell
Franklin's Gull	" 2,9,10		1,2,1	" "	" , Gamble

Franklin's Gull	Oct.	11		2,1	Niagara River	Mitchell Andr
	"	16		3	Bird Is. Pier	Gamble
Bonaparte's Gull	"	2		2000 max	.Niagara River	Mitchell
Little Gull	"	2	F	1	Ft. Erie,Ont,	Axtell
	"	9,10		2,1	Niagara River	Gamble et al
	"	22		1	" "	Rosche
Common Tern	"	22		50	Bird Island	"
	"	22		6	Burntship Creek	Mitchell
	"	25	L	1	Can. Shore L. Erie	Thorpe
Black Tern	"	11	L	1	Niagara River	Mitchell
Nighthawk	"	1	L	64	W. Ferry & Niagara St.,	Murphy
N. Flicker	"	6		25 max.	Harris Hill	Wendling
Pileated Woodpecker	"	10		1	Letchworth Park	Bevdeun
	"	30		1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Verrill
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	4		1	Warren's Corners	Heilborn
	"	26		1	Franklin St. near Allen	Rosch e
	"	30		1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	Wright et al
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	"	3		10max.	Can. Shore L. Erie	Brockner,Heilbon
	"	16	L	1	Frewsberg	Sundells
Phoebe	"	16	L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Wood Pewee	"	9		1	Grand Island	Wright et al
	"	10	L	1	LaSalle	Heilborn
Northern Horned Lark	"	24	F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Tree Swallow	"	10		500 max.	Ft.Erie,Ont.	Baillie,Robert s, Saunders.
	"	11,13		80,60	Niagara River	Mitchell
	"	14		30	Bird Is.	"
Rough-wg.Swallow	"	29		35,20	Niagara River	"
	"	10		500 max.	Ft. Erie,Ont.	Baillie,Robert s,Saunder
Tufted Titmouse	"	17		1	Barcelona	Lenna
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1		1	Anderson Pl.,Bflo.	Axtell
	"	12		1	South Park	Brockner
	"	30		1	Grand Island	Ulrichs
House Wren	"	3		4 max.	Lincoln Park	Rosche
	"	12	L	1	Ft.Erie, Ont.	Axtell
Mockingbird	"	24		1	Jamestown	Lenna,Powers
Winter Wren	"	9		6 max.	Grand Island	Wright et al
Catbird	"	6		3	" Harris Hill	Wendling
	"	25	L	1	Pt. Abino,Ont	Thorpe
Brown Thrasher	"	9		1,1	Delaware Pk.,Grand Is.	Mitchell,Wright et al
	"	10	L	1	Harris Hill	Wendling
Wood Thrush	"	3	L	1,1	E.Eden,Can. Shore	Mitchell,Brockner et al
Olive-b Thrush	"	6		4 max.	Buffalo	Eames
	"	9,10	L	2,1	Delaware Park,Tift St.	Mitchell
Gray-ch Thrush	"	2	L	1,1	Can. Shore L. Erie	Axtell,Brpckner et al
Ruby-cr Kinglet	"	12		40 max.	Ft. Erie	Axtell
Pipit	seen all month many places					
	"	24		50 max.	Grand Island	Thorpe et al
	"	31	L	8	S, Dayton	Webster
Blue-headed Vireo	"	9	F	1	Delaware Park	Axtell
	"	9	F	2	Grand Island	Wright et al
	"	14		1	Uni. Bflo.Campus	Rosche
	"	23		1	Delaware Park	Almendinger,Waldman
	"	25	L	1	Pt.Abino,Ont.	Thorpe
Red-eyed Vireo	"	10	L	2	Delaware Park	Mitchell
Black & White Warbler	"	26	L	1	E. Aurora	Dietrich
Tennessee Warbler	"	2		5 max.	Can. Shore L. Erie	Axtell
	"	9	L	1,1	Forest Lawn,Gr. Island	Mitchell et al Wright et al
Orange-cr Warbler	"	Many records 2nd to 12th,last on census				
Nashville Warbler	"	9,11		40 max.	Del .Park,Tift St.	Mitchell
	"	16	L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
N.Parula Warbler	"	7	L	1	Buffalo	Eames
Magnolia Warbler	"	15	L	1	Tift St.	Andrle
Cape May Warbler	"	9	L	1	Delaware Park	Mitchell et al

Black-thr.Blue Warbler	Oct.	2		12 max.	Can. Shore L.Erie	Brockner,Heilborn
	"	9	L	2	Delaware Park	Mitchell, et al
	"	9	L	2	Grand Island	W right et al
Myrtle Warbler	"	2		100 max.	Chautauqua Creek	Axtell
	"	31	L	1	So.Dayton	Webster
Black-thr.Green Warbler	"	2		25 max	Delaware Park	Mitchel
	"	12	L	2	Grand Island	Axtell
Blackburnian Warbler	"	3	L	1	Lincoln Park	Rosche
Chestnut-sided Warbler	"	6	L	2	Harris Hill	Wendling
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	12	L	1	Ft. Erie,Ont.	Axtell
Blackpoll Warbler	"	9	L	1,1	Del. Park,Grand Is.	Mitchell et al Wright et al
Western Palm Warbler	Many records 2nd to 12th -last on census					
Ovenbird	"	9	L	1,1	Del. Park,Grand Is.	Axtell,Wright et al
Northern Water-thrush	"	4	L	1	Forest Lawn	Axtell
Connecticut Warbler	"	2	L	1	" "	Nathan
N.Yellow-throat	"	9	L	2,4	Tift St.,Grand Is.	Mitchell,Wrighte et al
Canada Warbler	"	10	L	1	Can.Shore L. Erie	Andrle
Hooded Warbler	"	3	L	1	Chautauqua Creek	Axtell
Redstart	"	9	L	2	Grand Is.	Wright et al
Bronzed Grackle	"	30		500 max.	" "	Ulrichs
Scarlet Tanager	"	9	L	1	Delaware Park	Mitchell et al
	"	9	L	1	Grand Island	Wright et al
Cardinal	"	4		45 max.	Bond Lake	Heilborn
* Dickcissel	"	17	F	1	Grand Island	Axtell et al
	"	18	L	1	" "	Almendinger,Mitchell,Beardsley
Purple Finch	In small numbers all month from many localities					
Pine Siskin	"	16,21		2,2	Driftwood,Jamestown	Beal
	"	30		8	Windmill Pt.,Ont.	Wright et al
Goldfinch	"	23		250 max	E.Aurora	Rosche
Red-eyed Towhee	"	30	L	3	Grand Island	Ulrichs
Savannah Sparrow	"	24	L	2	" "	Thorpe et al
Vesper Sparrow	"	24	L	6	" "	" " "
Tree Sparrow	"	30,31		100,120	" " ,S. Dayton	Ulrichs,Webster,Heller
White-cr.Sparrow	"	2	E	1	Forest Lawn	Nathan
White-thr.Sparrow	"	23	L	3	Frewsberg	Sundells
	"	5		90 max	Can.Shore L. Erie	Axtell
Fox Sparrow	"	3	F	1	Delaware Park	"
	"	24	L	1	Batavia	Pixley
Lincoln Sparrow	"	3		1	Jamestown	Lenna
Snow Bunting	"	30	F	1	Pt. Abino,Ont.	Wright et al
	"	30	F	1	Grand Is.	Ulrichs
	"	30	F	2	Batavia	Pixley
	"	31		1,1	Grand Is.,	Axtell,Brockner

Fall Duck Census — October 17,1948

114 Species — 32071 Individuals
21 Parties — 60 Observers

3 new species -Purple Martin-Dickcissel -Stilt Sandpiper

Parties and territories

A. Niagara River,Sheridan Drive to Tift Street.(Sheridan,Riverside,Ontario St., Bethel Ave.,Bird Island etc.Porter Ave.,Fuhrman Blvd. & Tift St.----Ulrichs
B. Tift Street Area ----Mitchell
C. Grand Island- N.E. section (north of Whitehaven Road east ofEast River Rd., north of Bedell Rd.,east of the throughway.-Gamble,Pracmassings,Facklam.
D. Grand Island-S.E. end (excluding Beaver Island Park)to Ransom Rd.,excluding the thorn thicket,west to Baseline Rd.Thorpe,Dietrich,&2 junior birders.

E. Grand Island-West of connecting Boulevard and Baseline Rd,including [illegible] Beaver Island Park — Oggesen-Axtell,Broadbent,Nowacki

F. Lincoln Park,White Chapel Cemetery,Ellicott Creek Park,Williamsville,Harris Hill woods. — Marie and Margaret Wendling

G. Niagara Falls,Fort Niagara, and Wilson. — Brockner,Heilborn

H. Bond Lake,Hyde Park,LaSalle and vicinity — Heilborn,Brockner

I. Canadian Shore of Lake Erie-Morgan's Point to and including Dunnville area. — Wolfling,Seeber,Nathan,Dooley

J. " " " " " -Fort Erie to Morgan's Point- — Elberg,Drobitz, Barnum,Knoble

K.Dunkirk and Fredonia areas;Bear & Cassadaga Lakes- — The Stanleys,Schober,Golubski

L. Horseshoe,Nu,Akron,and La Grange Lakes and Batavia area- — Pixley ,Long

M.Delaware Park,Cemetery,Quarry,out Delaware Ave.,to a swamp in Tonawanda- — Knight,Hoyer

N.South Dayton,Markham's Corners,Perrysberg,Cassadaga Lake &Kent Switch- — Webster,Rosche

O.Lyndonville and vicinity — W.A. & G.M. Smith

P.Riverside Marsh,Chautauqua Lake and Barcelona- — Robert &Roger Sundell,Olsen, Lenna ,Powers,Beal

Q. Welland Canal,Mud Lake,Port Coulborne area — Mr. & Mrs. Selby,Miss Bigger

R.Oak Orchard Swamp — Vaughan,Emerson,Mr.& Mrs.Cummiskey

S.Genesee River,Wellsville area — Mrs.McMurtry, & Walter Jr.

T. Beadle Farm and Burns Road — A.R. & R.A. Beadle

U.Arcade — Mr. & Mrs. Creighton

List of Birds seen — Letters refer to parties reporting species

Common Loon	7	I,J,Q
Horned Grebe	46	
Pied-billed Grebe	216	
Gr. Blue Heron	29	
B.Cr,Night Heron	15	E*G*M
Amer. Bittern	3	E,P
Mute Swan	1	K
L.Snow Goose	252	G,I,OWilson's
Mallard	142	
Com. Bl. Duck.	218	
European Widgeon	1	O
Baldpate	55	C ,E,H,I
Pintail	78	B,E,G,I,L
Green-w Teal	2	I
Blue-w Teal	10	H
Wood Duck	101	O E K L N O(32)
Redhead	7	E,G,J
Ring-nkd.Duck	18	E,L
Lesser Scaup Duck	470	
Amer.Golden-eye	2	J
Buffle-head	3	J
Wht.-W.Scoter	50	
Surf Scoter	49	A,B,I(33),J
Amer.Scoter	11	B,E,G,J
Ruddy Duck	32	
Hooded Merganser	4	E
Amer. Merganser	9	C.G,J
Red-br.Merganser	21	I
Sharp-sh.Hawk	1	O
Cooper's Hawk	1	G
Red-tailed Hawk	4	E,I,R
Bald Eagle	1	E
MarshHawk	25	
Duck Hawk	1	I
Sparrow Hawk	21	

Ring-n Pheasant	147	
Virginia Rail	1	B
Sora	2	P
Florida Gallinule	5	B,E
Coot	794	
Killdeer	352	
Black-bell.Plover	151	I,P(150)
Snipe	18	
Spotted Sandpiper	4	I,K,P
Greater Yellow-Legs	342	
Yellow-legs	13	I
Pectoral Sandpiper	25	I
Red-Bkd.Sandpiper	38	I
Stilt Sandpiper	3	I
Semi-pm. Sandpiper	16	I
Sanderling	14	B,I
Herring Gull	1537	
Ring-b.Gull	2456	
Franklin's Gull	1	B
Bonaparte's Gull	721	
Common Tern	311	
Mourning Dove	86	
Screech Owl	2	E
Great Horned Owl	1	J
Belted Kingfisher	11	
Flicker	13	
Hairy Woodpecker	3	
Downy Woodpecker	29	
Phoebe	15	I
Prairie Horn.Lark	40	C,G,I,R
Tree Swallow	1	K
Purple Martin	1	I
Blue Jay	31	
Crow	244	
Black-c.Chickadee	65	

Tufted Titmouse	--1	--P
White-br.Nuthatch	--13	
Brown Creeper	--17	
House Wren	--1	--I
Winter Wren	--5	--E,F,G,P
Prarie Marsh Wren	--12	--D,I,P,R
Catbird	-- 1	--T
Robin	--829	
Hermit Thrush	-- 23	
Olive-b. Thrush	-- 2	--I
Bluebird	-- 61	
Golden-cr.Kinglet	-- 51	
Ruby-cr. "	--73	
Pipit	-- 75	--C,I(50),K,N
Cedar Waxwings	-- 26	--R,S(25)
Starlings	--8699	
Orange-cr.Warbler	-- 2	--E
Nashville Warbler	-- 2	--I
Myrtle Warbler	-- 85	
W.Palm Warbler	-- 4	--D,E,I
English Sparrow	--1080	
Meadowlark	-- 105	
Red-wing	--5881	
Rusty Blackbird	-- 643	
Bronzed Grackle	--2557	
Cowbird	--270	
Cardinal	-- 12	--C,H,I,P
Purple Finch	-- 8	--F,I,K
Goldfinch	-- 151	
Red-eyed Towhee	-- 9	--B,E,F,I.P
Savannah Sparrow	--5	--D,I,K
Vesper Sparrow	--40	
Slate-col.Junco	--959	
Tree Sparrow	-- 14	--A C,K,M
Chipping Sparrow	-- 19	
Field Sparrow	-- 24	
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	-- 76	
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	--328	
Fox.Sparrow	-- 8	
Lincoln's Sparrow	-- 2	
Swamp Sparrow	--48	
Song Sparrow	--366	
Lapland Longspur	-- 2	--G
Dickcissel *	-- 1	--E

The Fall Duck Census was held with several great handicaps ,being the second day of the hunting season many of the ducks had disappeared. The terrible weather conditions,pouring constantly all day ,made it very difficult for observation,identification and use of binoculars as well as keeping some of the parties entirely out of the field. however, the results of the census were satisfactory with an unusually large number of individuals, 32071,not including more than 600 unidentified ducks,150 unidentified sparrows,150 unidentified shore birds;&90 unidentified swallows.There was a total of 18 species of ducks identified,among them the Wood,White-wng.Scoter and Surf Scoter had a high count while the Pintail,Ringnecked,Golden-eye,Buffle-head,Ruddy,all three Mergansers,and American Scoters were good;Redhead fair, but the Mallard,Baldpate, Teal and Scaup were low in number. An unusually large number of shore birds was seen,especially by one group of observers along the lake shore which saw Semipalmated Sandpiper,Black-bellied Plover,Pectoral Sandpiper,Red-breasted Sandpiper, and Stilt Sandpiper. Ed. Seeber ,who was with this group said that he never saw such flocks of shorebirds before in October. Greater Yellow-legs were seen in flocks by three parties,80 on Grand Island,35 in Batavia-Akron area,140 at Rockhouse Pt.Ont.

Some of the interesting features of the census were the unusual showing of Marsh and Sparrow Hawks,25 & 21 respectively; 794 Coots,high for recent years(750 on Lake Chautauqua,by Sundells);86 Mourning Doves, an all time high; 15 Phoebes ,an excellent record; 1 Tufted Titmouse(seen at Barcelona by Sundells), only seen 3 times before on a fall census; 105 Meadowlarks, good record,exceeded only once before;634 Rusty Blackbirds, the most seen in ten years;2557 Bronzed Grackle,high(next highest 829).

Sparrows made a good showing with the exception of the Tree which dropped from an average of 41-84 to 14 this year; 2 Lapland Longspurs,recorded only once before on census; 29 Downy Woodpecker,Low for most years; only 244 Crows compared with over 1000 most years; 65 Black-capped Chickadee, a low record; only 51 Golden-crowned Kinglets, usually 250-300 average.

There were 3 new species recorded for this census Purple Martin,Stilt Sandpiper and Dickcissel,a mid-western bird of the grasslands,making a total of 32071 individuals.

I wish to thank all those who helped make this census a success by so kindly giving their time and efforts on such a rainy day and under such difficult circumstances.

Eugenia Praemassing,Leader.

Notes

Reports from Rochester and Vicinity,as reported by W.L.G.Edson,for the week ending Oct.8 include Common Loon,Canada Goose,Redhead,Ring-nk.Duck,Surf Scoter, a very early rough-legged Hawk,Pigeon Hawk,Red-bellied Woodpecker,House Wren,Blue-

headed and Red-eyed vireos, and 12 species of warblers, among which were Black & White, Orange-crowned, Magnolia, Black-thr. Green, Blackpoll, Hooded and Wilson's, as Scarlet Tanager, Rose-br. Grosbeak and White-crowned Sparrow. The following week D.Cr. Cormorant, Green Heron, Catbird, Wood & Olive-bk. Thrushes; Nashville, Pauula, a ve a very late Yellow, Cape May, Black-thr. Blue, Cerulean and Bay-breasted Warblers and N. Yellowthroat were observed. During the week ending Oct 22-Red-throated Loon, Horned Grebe, and for the second successive year, a Gannet was recorded, while stragglers include Broad-wng. Hawk and Phoebe. For the last week records include -Amer. Egret, Ruddy Duck, Sora, Florida Gallinule, Black-bld. Plover, both Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Tree Swallow, Long-b Marsh Wren, Pipit, Pine Siskin, Fox Sparrow and the first Snow Bunting.

Notice of Change in Staff

Heather Thorpe has taken over the duties of business manager, formerly cared for by Edward L. Seeber.

Richard Drobitz has taken on the work formerly done by William Almendinger.

Send all correspondence pertaining to the business manager to Heather Thorpe, Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Pkwy., Buffalo, N.Y.

Send all records to Richard Drobitz, 100 Texas St., Buffalo, 15, N.Y. Hu.7602. Please get your November records to Mr. Drobitz on Dec. 7.

Future Events

Meeting of Wed. Dec. 8 — Plans for Christmas Bird Census, Don Gamble, leader.

Meeting of Wed. Jan 12. — Report of Christmas Census by Don Gamble
Report of the June Breeding Bird Census-B. Nathan

Field Trip On Sunday Dec. 26 National Audubon Christmas Census
Call the leader, Don Gamble Pa.9206 for assignment of territories.

Meet for dinner after the census at 6 P.M. at 163 Audubon Drive, Snyder, N.Y. Approximate cost for the meal 75 cents. Call in your reservations to Don Gamble Pa 9206 by Dec. 22.

Audubon Program

Monday Dec. 6, 6:30 pm at Buffalo Museum of Science- Dinner meeting, in honor of Mr. Carl Buckheister, Vice Pres. National Audubon Society, who will be our guest. Audubon motion pictures will be shown.

Audubon Christmas Census — Leaders -Knoble and Rosche.
Sunday, Jan. 2, 1949. For details call Richard Rosche- Un 8859

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The Month

November was indeed a very remarkable month. Not only was it the third warmest November on record, but every single day except one showed a mean temperature above normal. That day, the fourteenth, was the only day when the mercury descended below freezing; low for that day was 31 degrees, and the mean was one degree below normal. On the fifth the temperature touched 76, highest ever recorded in November. While precipitation exceeded normal by one inch, none of it was in the form of measurable snow except for a fraction of an inch on each of the last two days. Very high winds on the 7th, 17th, and 20th, caused considerable damage. Weather conditions such as this, occurring in the spring or earlier in the fall, would affect bird migration to a very important extent. Even in November there is enough bird movement to show the influence of such consistently warm weather, and this year some unusual phenomena were traceable to this factor.

Northern Shrikes were not reported at any time, and Short-eared and Long-eared Owls, which usually appear fairly early in the month from more northerly areas, could not be found in any of their customary haunts until the last days of the month. Just to keep me from feeling too puffed up by reason of having an explanation for every phenomenon, the Bonaparte's Gulls had to deflate me by sending a huge delegation down to the Niagara Frontier. Usually, when November is mild, these gulls are not present in such numbers until early December. Possibly Canada did not enjoy the mild weather we had in the States, and the Bonaparte's Gulls' arrival here was caused by the icing over of the northern lakes. On the other hand, if the weather up there was more seasonable than ours, why did the Shrikes and Owls not come down also? Sundell reports hearing migrants passing over at night up to the last week of the month, and the presence of a small group of black mosquitoes in his backyard up to December 5th. A rather large group hovered over one particular place in my yard throughout November, also. It was surely an unusual month.

C. S. Beardslee

** Errata: The last issue, reporting October records, bears the heading "Volume 14, Number 10, October 1948", and its pages are numbered 62 through 68 inclusive. In fact, it should have been headed "Volume 14, Number 11, November 1948", and its pages should have borne the numbers"68 through 74 inclusive."

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* - Denotes new species for the year
F - " first record of migration
L - " last " " "

Common Loon	Nov. 20-25	5(max.)	Gorge	Klabundos
	" 21	5(some probably Lesser Loon)	Gorge	Mitchell, et al
Holboell's Grebe	" 25-28	1	Gorge	Several members
*Eared Grebe	" 14	1	Braddock's Bay	Field Trip, F. of N.Y.S.B.C.
Horned Grebe	" 25	14	Gorge	Heilborn
	" 25	20(max)	Pt. Abino, Ont., & Niagara R.	Axtells
Pied-b. Grebe	" 25	2	Gorge	Andrle et al
	" 27 L	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Klabundos
D.-Cr. Cormorant	" 20,26,27	1	Gorge	Klabundos
	" 21	1,1	Grand Is.	Audubon Trip, Tulinoff
Great Blue Heron	" 21 L	3	" "	Tulinoff
Amer. Egret	" 14	1	Braddock's Bay	Field Trip, N.Y.S.B.C.
Yel.-Cr. Night Heron	" 6,28	15(max)	2 Goat Island	Klabundos
Amer. Bittern	Oct. 31 L	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Whistling Swan	Nov. 13,18,20,21	-5,1,2,2	Gorge	Klabundos
	" 25 L	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle et al
Canada Goose	" 1	40	Dorb y	Larkin
	" 10	60,51	Buffalo	Andrle, Roscho
	" 15	500	Kenmore	Russell rep. Boardsleo
	" 21	18	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Gamble, Andrle, Wolfling
	" 21,27	36,20	Grand Is.	Klabundos
	" 24	30	Allegany St. Pk.	Doyle
	" 28	4	Hyde Park	Klabundos
Mallard-Black Hybrid	Sept. 19	1	Goat Is.	Nathan, Drobits
Gadwall	Nov. 20,21	2,1	Grand Is.	Axtell et al, Tulinoff
	" 25 L	1	Niagara Falls, above rapids	- Axtells
Blue-w. Teal	" 4	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 7 L	2	Lake Akron	B.O.S. trip
	" 7 L	1	Leroy	Gamble, Roscho, Ulrich
Wood Duck	Oct. 16	11	Castile	Thompson
	" 31	30	Lyndonville	Smith
	Nov. 4	a few	"	"
	" 6	1	Niagara Falls	Brocknor, Tulinoff
	" 14L	4	Riversido Marsh	Sundell
Redhead	" 25	20	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Savage, Mitchell
	" 25	30(max)	" " & Niag.R.	Axtells
	" 28	20	Niagara River	Axtell & Class
Ring-n. Duck	" 25,26,28	-4,3,1	Gorge	Klabundos
	" 25	3	Niagara River	Axtells
	" 27	2	Canadian Shore	Tulinoff
Canvas-back	June 19,21	1,1	Chautauqua L. Outlet	Parker et al
	Nov. 28	8	Niagara River	Axtell & Class
Greater Scaup	" 28	300 (Max)	off Navy Is.	" " "
Lesser Scaup	" 25	300 (Max)	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Axtells
Bufflehead	" 25	80 (Max)	" " " & Niag. R.	"
Old Squaw	" 25	150	" " " " "	" "
Eider (Species?)	" 21	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle, Gamble, Wolfling
King Eider	" 25 F	5	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtells, Savage, Mitchell
	" 26	4	" " "	Savage, Wright, Andrle
	" 26	3	Bird Is. Pier	Filer, Drobitz
	" 27,28	4,5	Ft. Erie, Ont. & Niag. R.	Several members
	" 29	7(max)	Niagara River	Mitchell
White-w. Scoter	" 28	10	" "	Axtell & Class
Surf Scoter	" 6	2	" "	Mitchell, Wright
Amer. "	" 6	30 (Max)	" "	Several Members
	" 28	4	" "	Axtell & Class

Ruddy Duck	Nov.25,26,28	6,2,1	Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
Hooded Merganser	" 17,20,21	2,5,1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 27,28	9,8	Niagara River	Several Members
Turkey Vulture	" 7 L	2	South Dayton	Webster
Sharp-sh.Hawk	" 14,21	1,1	Grand Is.	Tulinoff
Red-Shouldered Hawk	" 30	5	Jamestown	Lenna
Broad-w. "	" 10	1	"	"
Rough-legged "	"	Total of 19 individuals by various observers		
Bald Eagle	" 14	2,1	Grand Is.	Heilborn, Tulinoff
	" 28	1	Niagara River	Axtells
Coot	" 2	32	Grand Is.	Webster, Wendling
	" 14	14	" "	Tulinoff
	" 25 L	1	Burntship Creek	Heilborn
Killdeer	" 28 L	3	Wilson	Andrle,Gamble,Wolfling
Woodcock	" 6	2	Burntship Creek	Gamble
	" 7	1	Shot near Frewsburg	rep.Sundell
Wilson's Snipe	" 2	6	Grand Is.	Wendling, Webster
	" 7	4	Burntship Cr.	Klabundes
	" 25 L	2	" "	Heilborn
Gr.Yellow-Legs	" 6	14	Grand Is.	Mitchell, Wright
	" 11	1	Burntship Cr.	Andrle et al
	" 21 L	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle,Gamble,Wolfling
*Purple Sandpiper	" 14 F	2	Braddock's Bay	Field Trip,F.N.Y.S.B.C.
	" 25	2	Bird Is. Pier	Wolfling
	" 28	5	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Gamble,Andrle,Wolfling
Red-backed "	" 14 L	23	Braddock's Bay	Field Trip, F.N.Y.S.B.C.
Red Phalarope	" 14	1	Charlotte	" " " "
	" 27 L	1	Bird Is. Pier	Drebits
Franklin's Gull	" 10	1	Bird Is. Pier	Andrle
	" 27	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Gamble
Bonaparte's Gull	" 27	3000	Can. Shore	Tulinoff
	" 28	10,000(Max)	Niagara River	Brockner, Tulinoffs
Little Gull	" 22	1	Bird Is.	Mitchell
	" 25	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtells
	" 27	2	" " "	Tulinoff
Mourning Dove	" 28	23	Grand Is.	Axtell and Class
Long-eared Owl	" 26 F	5	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 27	1	Grand Is.	Andrle et al
Short-eared Owl	" 27 F	3	Lyndonville	Smith
B.Kingfisher	" 7,14	1,1	Grand Is.	Klabundes, Tulinoff
	" 20	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 21	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 28	1	Wilson	Andrle, Gamble, Wolfling
Pileated Woodpecker	" 20	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Red-bellied "	" 6,7	1,1	Leroy	Brockner, Tulinoff,Gamble
Red-headed "	" 21	1	Grand Is.	Tulinoff
Tufted Titmouse	July all mo.	1	Salamanca	rep. Sundell
	Nov.7,14,21,23	-1,1,2,1	Derby	Larkin
Catbird	" 21	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Gamble
Robin	" 28	10	Allegany St.Pk.	Escholmans
	" 29	1	South Park	Brockner
Hermit Thrush	" 7 L	2	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Bluebird	" 7	35(max)	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 25 L	2	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
Ruby-cr.Kinglet	" 6	1	Tifft St.	Roscho,Hall,Hickman
	" 7	8(max)	Grand Is.	Klabundes
	" 28 L	1	Goat Is.	"
Pipit	" 6	7	Holley	Brockner, Tulinoff
	" 25 L	5	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
Northern Shrike	" 25 F	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Bl.-thr.Green Warbler	" 6 L	1	Tifft St.	Roscho,Hall,Hickman

Myrtle Warbler	Nov. 25 L	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
Meadowlark	" 27 L	2	Grand Is.	McCanns
Redwing	" 25	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
	" 20	2	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Webster, Wendling
Rusty Blackbird	" 6	15	Grand Is.	Mitchell, Wright
	" 13	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Bronzed Grackle	" 1-13	40	"	"
	" 6	50(max)	Grand Is.	Mitchell, Wright
	" 26	1	Frewsburg	Lonna
	" 27	1	LaSalle	Heilborn
		(bird had damaged wing, but could fly)		
Indigo Bunting	Oct. 9 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Goldfinch	Nov. 13	1	Frewsburg	"
	" 25	8	Erie Beach, Ont.	Savage, Mitchell
	" 27	2	Can. Shore	Tulinoff
Vesper Sparrow	" 28 L	1	Grand Is.	Axtell & Class
Chipping "	" 1-27 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 7	1	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Field "	" 6 L	1	Leroy	Brecknor, Tulinoff
White-thr. Sparrow	" 25	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
	" 28 L	1	South Dayton	Webster
Fox Sparrow	" 6	1	Tifft St.	Reschke Hall, Hickman
	" 25 L	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
Snow Bunting	" 6	120(max)	Albion	Brecknor, Tulinoff
	" 14	15	Braddock's Bay	Field Trip, F.N.Y.S.B.C.
	" 25	10	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Andrle et al
	" 26	1	Onovillo	Beal

Total species in 1947 through November 30th	256
" " " 1948 " October 31st	250
New for November	3
Total 1948 through November 30th	253

ERRATA: The record of 45 Cardinals on October 4th should have read Cowbird, Oct. 4-45 (Max) - Pond Lake - Heilborn.
The date of Mockingbird record should be Sept. 11, not Oct. 24.
On the Oct. 17 Consus: 3 Redheads belong to Group H, Not G.
Blue-winged Teal number should be 1, not 10
The 252 L. Snow Goose should read 252 Canada Goose
The record of Black-bell. Plover should read 151 (I 150, P. 1)

BUFFALO HARBOR TERN COLONY

On July 3rd we went to the north breakwater for the second year to observe and band the Terns. The 100 yd. gravel and rock projection appeared the same as before, with the water level possibly slightly higher. Although we were ten days earlier this time, the breeding cycle evidently was about 2 weeks ahead of the same time last year. Half-grown young were running everywhere and we saw comparatively few very small birds and few eggs. It was quite difficult to determine the number of nesting pairs but 1000 is a rough estimate. We calculated the total number of flying birds to be about 2300 with at least 175 of these birds of the year. We noted two nesting adults that were bands, probably tagged on last year's trip. A total of 139 young birds were banded, frequently spitting out minnows and small fry when caught. The number of adults and flying young contrasts greatly with last year when we estimated 5000 adults and almost no young flying. It is possible that a large proportion of adults were off fishing, thus accounting for this difference. Several Black Terns were flying about and alighting on the wall, but nothing further was discovered about them. We wished that we had brought at least 100 more bands, as we could well have used them.

Robert Andrle
John Filer

NOTES

Reports from Rochester and vicinity, as reported by W.L.G.Edson for November, include a late Broad-winged Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin and Fox Sparrow for the week ending on the 5th. During the following week Great Blue Heron, Snow Goose (Subsp.?), Gadwall, Wood Duck and Common Tern were among the birds observed, and the last Bluebirds, Myrtle Warblers and White-throated Sparrows were recorded. During the week ending Nov. 19th records included Holboell's and Eared Grebes, the latter the first observation of this species in Western New York (west of Seneca Lake). This bird was seen by many attending the field trip of the Federated Bird Clubs of New York State on the 14th at Braddock's Bay. Other noteworthy records of birds seen on this trip were American Egret and 2 Purple Sandpipers, also at Braddock's Bay, and a Red Phalarope on the shore edge at Charlotte, seen by all in the party at very close range. The Rochester group deserve special commendation on their ability to attract such an array of rarities into Monroe County on this auspicious occasion, as well as for their well-organized and interesting meeting held on the previous day at the Museum.

Other birds noted during the week included Ring-necked Duck, American Scoter, Ruddy Duck, a very late Broad-winged Hawk, Florida Gallinule, Golden and Black-bellied Plovers, Greater Yellow-legs, Red-backed Sandpiper, Sanderling, Northern Shrike and red Crossbill.

The American Egret was also seen during the following week, as were most of the shore birds above noted.

Notes from Hamilton, Ont., by George North, include Red-thr. Loon, Purple Sandpiper, 1 Redpoll, 40 Pine Siskin and 1 Lapland Longspur on Nov. 14th and a flock of Evening Grosbeaks were reported the previous week. On Nov. 11th there were 12 Blue Geese and 1 Snow Geese.

Robert Sundell has sent me an article clipped from the Jamestown paper shortly before Thanksgiving, concerning a warning to sportsmen by Richard Hyde of Olean, District Game Manager, that it is illegal to kill wild Turkey. This warning was issued because of reports received of wild Turkeys being seen near the Pennsylvania State Line. We understand that some birds were released near Olean within the past two or three years.

H. D. Mitchell.

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, January 12th - Report of Christmas Census by Don Gamble
Report of June Breeding Bird Census by Bernard Nathan

Wednesday, January 26th - [illegible] . Audubon Nature Camp, Hog Island, Maine by Edward L. Seeber - 8 P.M. Museum.

Field Trips

Sunday, January 23rd - Tifft Street and Lake Shore to Irving and the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation - Leader, Cy Wolfling (Un. 7077). Meet 8:30 A. M. Genesee St. side of City Hall.

Audubon Program

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 8 P. M. - Humboldt Room, Museum. Report of Xmas Census and Feeding Station Committee. Mrs. Escholman, Messrs. Roscho, Knoble.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 9:30 A. M. - Field Trip to Grand Island. Meet Delaware & Hertel Avenues. Take lunch. Leader Frances Row (Tr. 0342)

Sunday, Jan. 23 - 3:00 P.M. - Audubon Screen Tour at Buffalo Museum of Science. Howard Cleaves "Animals Unaware".

Sunday, Jan.30-or Feb.6 if weather on Jan. 30 is extremely bad - 8 A. M. Winter check-up on Xmas Bird Census area - Leaders, Roscho and Knoble. Call Richard Roscho Un. 8859.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - 8 P. M. Meeting at Buffalo Museum of Science in conjur ction with Buffalo Ornithological Society to see and hear about Audubon Nature Camp, Hog Island, Maine - Edward L. Seeber.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 - 8 P. M. Humboldt Room, Buffalo Museum of Science, Bird Games and Slides, H. D. Mitchell.

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The Month

December was well above normal in temperature, and no snow of consequence fell until the afternoon of the 31st, when the first two inches of a severe storm managed to get into 1948. The only cold spell came on the 25th and 26th. The first half of the month was particularly mild, so mild indeed that Beal reported dandelions in bloom at Jamestown on the ninth. Bird life also showed the effects of the warm weather. Many species which are normally rare here in winter were reported; e.g., the Pied-billed Grebe, Green-Winged Teal, Wood Duck, Ruddy Duck, Coot (in large numbers), Killdeer, and almost all of the land birds listed below. The gull population also reflected the late season. The Bonaparte's Gulls were present in many good-sized flocks up and down the river at the month's end, and in some places Ring-bills out-numbered the Herrings. The weather was also responsible for the unusually high number of species seen on the Christmas Consus.

C. S. Beardslee

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Common Loon	Dec. 4	5 (Max)	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns
	" 11	4	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
Holboell's Grebe	" 4	1	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns
	" 5	1	" "	Gamble, Drebits
	" 29	3	Pt. Gratiot	Stanley
Horned Grebe	" 6	8	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, Buckheister
	" 11	16	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
	" 29	1	Pt. Gratiot	Stanley
Pied-billed Grebe	" 5	1	Ridgeway, Ont.	Gamble, Drebits
	" 27	1	Levant	Lenna et al
Dbl.Cr.Cormorant	" 5	1(found dead)	Niagara Gorge	Gamble, Drebits
Yl.Cr.Night Heron	" 4,5	8,3	Forest Lawn	Brockner,Tulinoffs,Rosche
Whistling Swan	Mid-Nov.	12	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	-Rep.Lenna
Canada Goose	Dec. 6	13	over Buffalo	Webster
	" 13	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Pintail	" 11	14	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
Green-Winged Teal	" 5	2 L	Tifft St.	Axtell & Class

Wood Duck	Dec. 4	1	Jamestown	Lonna, Powers
	" 20	1	Beaver Is.	Axtolls
Redhead	" 11	1	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
	" 24	29	Peace Bridge	Mitchell, Eames
	" 29	2	Dunkirk	Stanley
Ring-necked Duck	" 4	1	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns
King Eider	" 5	6	Bird Is.	Seeber, Weldman
White-w.Scoter	" 4,6	2,2	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns, Mitchell, Buckheister
	" 11	4	" River	Aud. Trip
Surf Scoter	" 5	1	Bird Is.	Seeber, Weldman
Amer. "	" 5	2	" "	" "
	" 6	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, Buckheister
	" 11	2	" River	Aud. Trip
Ruddy Duck	" 4	2	" Gorge	Heilborns
	" 29,31	2,5	Dunkirk	Stanley
Hooded Merganser	" 5	5	Niagara River	Gamble, Drebits
	" 9	3	Dunkirk	Stanley
	" 11	2	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
* Goshawk	" 5	1	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
Cooper's Hawk	" 21,23.26	-1	Jamestown	Beal
Broad-winged Hawk	Nov. 10	1 L	Jamestown	Lonna
Rough-legged "	Dec. 5	3	Lake Shore Drive	Axtell & Class
	" 20	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Bald Eagle	" 5	1	Irving	Axtell & Class
	" 21	2(adult)	Burntship Cr.	Mitchell
Marsh Hawk	" 5	2	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 20	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Coot	" 4	1	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns
	" 17	500(est.)	Chautauqua Lake	Beal
Killdeer	Oct. 30	50	Lake La Grange	Pixley, Lay
	Dec. 8	18	Getzville	Gamble
	" 9	2	Jamestown	Beal
Purple Sandpiper	" 4	3	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Wright
	" 5	1 L	" " "	Wright
Glaucous Gull	" 18	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell, Nathan, Roscho
Iceland Gull	" 5	1(1st Yr. Bird)	Tifft St.	Axtell & Class
	" 7	1(adult)	" "	Mitchell, Buckheister
Franklin's Gull	" 7	1	Fuhrmann Drive	Mitchell, Buckheister
	" 11	1 L	Niagara River	Aud. Trip
Little Gull	" 7	2	Fuhrmann Drive	Mitchell, Buckheister
Mourning Dove	Nov. 27	3	Grand Is.	Moore
	Dec. 5	2	Jamestown	Lonna
	" 19	26	Grand Is.	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
	" 20	24	Lyndonville	Smith
* Barn Owl	" 13,14	1,1	Grand Is.	Axtolls
	" 19	4(Max)	" "	Axtolls, Nathan, Seeber
	" 21	2	" "	Mitchell
Screech Owl	" 4	1	Delaware Park	Roscho
	" 20	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 26	1	Hamburg	Griffin
Great Horned Owl	" 5	1	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 20	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Short-eared Owl	"11,14	5,2	Grand Is.	Aud. Trip, Axtolls
	Mid-Dec.	1	Dewittville	Taylor, rep. Sundell
	Dec. 19	1	Grand Is.	Axtolls, Nathan, Seeber
	" 20	9	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 21	2	Grand Is.	Mitchell
Saw-Whet Owl	" 19	1 L	" "	Klabunde
B. Kingfisher	" 13	1	Chautauqua Lake	Beal
	" 24	1	Bird Is.	Mitchell, Eames
Flicker	" 5	1-2	Peace Bridge	Gamble, Drebits

Pileated Woodpecker	Dec.21	1	Dewittville	Taylor, rep. Sundell
Crow	Dec. 2	2000(Roost)	Coldwater	Beardsleo
Tufted Titmouse	" 5	3	Larkin Estate	Axtell & Class
Red-Br.Nuthatch	All Month	1	Hamburg	Griffin
	Dec. 18	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
Catbird	" 5	1	Pt.Abino, Ont.	Drobits, Gamble
Robin	" 5	2	Snyder	Gamble
	" 11	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 18	1	Chautauqua L.Outlet	Powers
	" 26	1	Colden	Rep.Roscho
	" 26	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Golden-Cr.Kinglet	" 5	1	Irving	Axtell & Class
	" 15	1	Hamburg	Griffin
Pipit	Oct. 30	11	Lake La Grange	Pixley, Lay
Cedar Waxwing	Dec.16,30	2,1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 20,21	2,4	Jamestown	Powers
Northern Shrike	" 18	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Red-wing	" 5	12	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 5	2	Niagara River, Ont.	Gamble, Drobits
	" 5	8	Tifft St.	" "
Rusty Blackbird	" 5	45	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 19	1	" "	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
Br. Grackle	" 5	2	" "	Seeber, Weldman
Cowbird	" 5	6	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 5	1	Tifft St.	Gamble, Drobits
Indigo Bunting	Oct. 9	1 L	Frewsburg	Sundell
Goldfinch	Dec.4,18	2,2	Chautauqua L.Outlet	Powers
	" 5	2	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	" 18,27	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Song Sparrow	" 4,12,18,27	1,1,1,2	"	" Powers
	"12,30,31	1	Hamburg	Griffin
	" 21	1	Grand Is.	Mitchell
Snow Bunting	Oct. 30	2	Lake LaGrange	Pixley, Lay

ERRATA: The record in the Dec.1948 Prothonotary reading "Tufted Titmouse, July, all Mo. - 1 - Salamanca, Rep. Sundell" should have been "September all Mo."

New species added in December - 3 (Goshawk, Barn Owl, Redpoll)
Total for 1948 - 255
Last Year's Total - 260
Total for 1946 - 261

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CENSUS

Centering on Grand Island; including Niagara River and adjacent areas; open farmland 40%; deciduous woods 20%; parks 5%; Niagara River and Buffalo Harbor 20%; cat-tail marshes 3%; city, suburban and industrial areas 12%. Date - December 26th; 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. Clear until 2 P.M., snow flurries thereafter; temp. 8-15°F. wind NE 4 M.P.H., shifting early to SW, max. 8-14 M.P.H. in afternoon; 1/2 to 1" snow on ground; Niagara River, Welland River, harbor and the gorge at the Falls open, all streams and ponds frozen. Forty-eight observers in 17 parties. Total hours 125:45 (3:30 at night); total miles 438½ (145½ on foot, 343 by car).

Territories and observers: (Forty-eight observers in seventeen parties)

A - Buffalo Harbor, Canadian Shore of Niagara River, from Fort Erie to Niagara Falls, Ont. (Horseshoe Falls), east of Portage Rd., Sodom Rd., and Queen Elizabeth Hwy.- James Savage, Thomas L. Bourne.

B - American shore of Niagara River, from Porter Ave. north to Grand Is.Blvd., west of Military Ave. and Niagara St. -Harold D. Mitchell, Ira W. Lyon, Richard Byron, Anne Broadbent, Herbert Evans, Alice Dietrich, Helen Nowacki.

C - American Shore of Niagara River from Niagara Falls,N.Y. (including Gorge and Hyde Park) to Grand Is. Blvd., Sheridan Dr., Military Rd., Division St. and Erie Ave. on south and east. - Winston Brockner, Mr.& Mrs. Axel Heilborn, Julie & Karl Heilborn, Claude Bishop, Mr.& Mrs. Antonine Tulinoff, Wilmer Koch.

D - Canada from Peace Bridge to Old Fort Erie and inland west of Queen Elizabeth Hwy. and south of Town Line Rd. - Clark S. Beardslee

E - Canada inland north of Town Line Rd., west of Queen Elizabeth Hwy., and Sodom Rd. to Portage Rd. and Niagara Gorge - Bernard Nathan, Mr.& Mrs.Philip Rosa,R.Dooley.

F - New York inland north of Sheridan Dr., east of Military Rd.,Division St.,and Erie Ave.(including Acacia & Whitechapel Cemeteries) -Marie Wendling.

G - New York inland south of Sheridan Dr., east of Military Ave. and Niagara St.(including Delaware & Lincoln Pks. and Forest Lawn Cemetery -Richard Roesche,R.& C. KNoble.

H - Grand Is.,Buckhorn Is., State Pk.and south to Long Road,west of Baseline Rd. - Wm. C. Vaughan, Mr.& Mrs.Edward P. Cummiskey,Mary L. Emerson,Ellen J.Windsor, Barbara Allen.

I - Grand Is., Long Rd.,south to Whitehaven Rd.,west of Baseline Rd., -Cyril Wolfling, Robert F. Andrle.

J - Grand Is., Baseline Rd.,east to Stony Pt.Rd., north of Whitehaven Rd.-D.J.Gamble.

K - Grand Is.,east of Stony Pt. Rd.,north of Ransom Rd. - Raymond McCann.

L - Grand Is.,Ransom Rd. south to Whitehaven Rd.,east of Stony Pt.Rd.-Edward L. Seeber, Lawrence Murphy.

M - Grand Is.,Whitehaven Rd.,south to Love Rd., west of Baseline Rd.,-Mr.& Mrs.Walter Klabunde, Philip Klabunde.

N - Grand Is., Whitehaven Rd.,south to Love Rd.,east of Baseline Rd.-John Filer.

O - Grand Is., Love Rd.south to Bush Rd.,west of Baseline Rd.-Robert Wagner.

P - Grand Is.,Love Rd. south to Oakfield Rd.,east of Baseline Rd.,also between Bush & Oakfield Rds.,west of Baseline Rd. - Clayton Knox, Leland Kirk.

Q - Grand Is.,Beaver Is.,State Pk. and north to Oakfield Rd. - Mr.& Mrs.Axtell

Species and numbers observed - 65 Species, *1 additional sub-species, about 6,644 individuals.

Species	No.	Parties
Common Loon	2	E, H
Red-throated Loon	1	E
Horned Grebe	5	E
Dbl.Cr.Cormorant	2	C,L
Blk.Cr.Night Heron	6	C,G
Mallard	188	several
Black Duck	1209	"
Baldpate	3	Q
Pintail	12	C
Wood Duck	1	A
Redhead	7	E,Q
Ring-necked Duck	3	A,E,H
Canvasback	2033	B,E,Q
Greater Scaup	2988	several
*Lesser "	3	E,Q
Am.Goldeneye	2733	several
Bufflehead	270	"
Old-squaw	59	"
Wht.W.Scoter	5	D,E,H,L
Ruddy Duck	1	E
Hooded Merganser	11	E,H
Am. "	3179	several
Red-br. "	67	"
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	M
Red-tailed "	15	several
Rough-Legged "	27	"
Marsh Hawk	30	"
Sparrow "	43	"

Species	No.	Parties
Ring-necked Pheasant	137	several
Glaucous Gull	1	B
Gr.Black-B.Gull	29	several
Herring "	7401	"
Ring-billed "	287	"
Bonaparte's "	1894	"
Rock Dove(WildState,Gorge)	4	E
Mourning Dove	31	H,J
Barn Owl	1	B in L
?Screech Owl (1 dead)	7	J,L,M
Gr.Horned Owl	3	E,J,L
Short-eared Owl	7	B in K, I,J,L
Belted Kingfisher	2	C
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	J,O
Hairy Woodpecker	10	Several
Downy "	66	"
Prairie Horned Lark	1	L
Blue Jay	26	Several
Crow	192	"
Black-capped Chickadee	158	"
White-br.Nuthatch	35	"
Red-br. "	1	C
Brown Creeper	32	Several
Robin	2	D,L
Golden-cr.Kinglet	1	L
Starling	1832	several
English Sparrow	779	"

Species	No.	Parties	Species	No.	Parties
Meadowlark	5	H, J in I	Pine Siskin	1	E
Red-wing	9	I	Goldfinch	2	E
Rusty Blackbird	6	D, O	Slate-col. Junco	56	Several
Cowbird	1	I	Tree Sparrow	689	"
Cardinal	20	Several	Wht.-Thr. Sparrow	3	C, P
			Song Sparrow	6	Several

NOTE: A pair of Bald Eagles had been seen at Burntship Creek just prior to the Census but were not sighted on that day.

This year's Census maintained the high number of species of the last two years. However, the large number of land birds expected because of the unseasonal weather during the previous months, was lacking. The Wood Duck was seen this year for the first time in twenty years of counts. It was observed near Chippewa, Ont., by James Savage and Thomas L. Bourne. The number of individual birds observed was a new high (26,644); the previous high was last year's total of 25,083 individuals. In the twenty years of censuses there have been 111 species of birds observed. Glancing over this year's list one finds several noteworthy observations: - Red-throated Loon, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck and the Pine Siskin, which were seen only once before; the Barn Owl, Rusty Blackbird and Cowbird each twice; the number of Mallards and Black Ducks more than doubled last year's number; the number of Canvasbacks was a new high (one flock was est. at 2000 by the Axtells); new highs also in Night Herons, Am. Goldeneyes, Bufflehead, Am. Mergansers (more than 3X any previous high), Screech Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, Rough-legged Hawks and Marsh Hawks, Herring Gulls (3400 est. at Falls by Brockner et al) and Cardinals, & Tree Sparrows;-English Sparrows and Starlings were down to almost half last year's count. It was a sincere honor to lead such a fine group, without whose conscientious field work a thorough coverage would not be possible.

Don Gamble.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONRY NEAR PORT WELLER, ONT.

It is quite a few years now since Grand Island was "opened to civilization" by the building of the bridges. Before that time a rather large heronry, containing both Great Blues (Ardea H. Herodias) and Black-crowned Night Herons (Nycticorax H. Hoactli) existed somewhere near the north end of the island.

"The Prothonotary" for February 1942 contains an account by Edward C. Ulrich describing what he calls a "new nesting site" in a small woodlot near this larger [illegible] heronry. According to Ulrich, 574 nests were counted in this newer site. At the close of the nesting season in 1941, the nests in this heronry were torn down and the heronry destroyed. This came as a result of considerable real estate development near these woods, and determination on the part of the new residents to rid themselves of the noisy colony by shooting or other means. The B.O.S. at that time found such other means and persuaded the residents to wait until after the breeding season. The herons have never again attempted to nest in this woodlot.

In April 1943, Mr. R. W. Sheppard of Niagara Falls, Ont., discovered a colony of Night-herons "while driving along the Lake Shore Road between Port Weller and the village of McNab in Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario". His visit to this heronry on April 22 of that year, accompanied by R. V. Featherston of the Niagara Plant Protection staff, has been written up in fine style in the March-April 1944 issue of "The Canadian Field Naturalist". He found "upwards of 200 nests in various stages of construction or repair". After the season, however, Mr. F. W. Gregory, "a fellow employee of the Plant Protection Service", counted "not less than 500 structures of varying sizes, but all undoubtedly attributable to the species in question". May I recommend that each of you read that article.

On May 7, 1948, while engaged in a hawk watching project, Richard Roache, John Willey and I had occasion to visit this colony. We counted 630 nests, and 550 plus birds in the woodlot. Many more birds were flying about, and many were probably out

feeding. The nests were distributed throughout the woodlot but were much more numerous and more active near the small pond near the western end. Some nests, particularly towards the east end of the woods may not have been active. Indications are, therefore, that the colony is larger than in 1943, at which time this colony surpassed in size all records of colonies of Night Herons in Ontario.

I should like to comment on an unusual habit practiced frequently by the birds of this colony. We had been amazed for the last two years to see Black-crowned Night Herons swimming in the deep waters of Lake Ontario, and fishing from this position. The birds seem to be successful in feeding in this manner. The practice is apparently common in the water near the heronry. I do not believe we have ever gone there in season without seeing several birds out on the water. That this habit was observed before is shown by a letter from Mr. Wm. L. Putnam, quoted by Shoppard which mentions Night Herons "fishing in a gull-like manner in the lake". Father on he says "The herons usually fly between 15 and 50 feet above the lake, and on sighting a fish, drop with dangling legs. Usually the bird touches the surface with its body momentarily without folding its wings, spears the fish just below the water and immediately takes off. At other times the wings may be folded and the heron floats as buoyantly as a gull. It also rises from the surface as easily as a gull. In fact, the whole performance is remarkably gull-like". To this I can only add that the similarity to gull-like action did not occur to me, but the buoyancy attracted my attention as well as his.

I believe this colony near Port Weller, Ontario, is a continuation of the disrupted Grand Island Colony. To support this theory, consider the following chronological data. The Grand Island Colony was destroyed after the nesting season in 1941, the Port Weller Colony was unknown until 1943. At that time it contained about 500 nests. Many nests were in the process of construction in April of that year. The colony grew 26% between 1943 and 1948. Mr. Putnam notes in June 1943 that "extraordinary numbers of Night-herons" were appearing near Vineland Station.

For many years a large flock of Night-herons has appeared each year in April in the woodlot just South of the South Grand Island Bridge in the Town of Tonawanda. From these woods to the disrupted colony on Grand Island is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while to the Port Weller Colony is 20 3/4 miles "as the heron flies". The two colonies are $16\frac{1}{4}$ miles apart. These birds leave the South Bridge woodlot a few days after arrival, and Night-herons appear at the Port Weller colony about the same time. It should not be difficult (but it has not yet been done) to show that these are the same birds. That this group originally nested nearer to the Niagara seems axiomatic.

In closing, I wish to mention that there is still a colony of Night-herons on Grand Island, which has been there as long as I know.

Ed Seeber

NOTES

Reports from Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G.Edson for the week ending December 3rd include Red-thr. Loon, Broad-w. Hawk (unprecedented, also seen the following week!), Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Ruby-cr. Kinglet, Northern Shrike, Myrtle Warbler and White-winged Crossbill. Among the records for the succeeding week were Holboell's Grebe, Western Grebe!, Coot, Killdeer, Purple Sandpiper, Winter Wren, Bluebird, Redwing, Evening Grosbeak and Red Crossbill. During the week ending Dec. 24th such species as Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Wilson Snipe, Red-backed Sandpiper, and Towhee are noteworthy; and during the last week of the month a flock of seven meadowlarks were recorded along the Chili-Scottsville Road.

H. D. Mitchell

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, February 9th - "Study of Bird Songs" by Clark S. Beardslee. Humboldt Room Museum, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, February 23rd - "Floral Life Zones of Western New York". Slides by Clifford Awald; Talk by Charles Zenkert. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Field Trips

Sunday, February 20th - Lewiston to Grand Island. Meet at Delaware and Hertel Aves. at 8 A. M. Leader, Mrs. Edward P. Cummiskey (VI.3382)

Audubon Program

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, 8 P. M. Humboldt Room, Museum. Bird Games & Slides. Mr. Mitchell

Sunday, Feb. 27th, 10 A.M. Field Trip Chestnut Ridge Park. Meet Genesee St. side of City Hall 10 A.M. or Seneca & Cazenovia at 10:15 A.M. Take lunch. We will have fire for broiling wieners. Leader, Betty Tilley (Su. 4835)

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The Month

January was definitely mild for mid-winter. Mean temperature was 31.2, compared with normal of 23.9, and most of the 2.71 inches of precipitation was in the form of rain or very wet snow. The mildness was a continuation of the warm weather which characterized November and December, and its effect was easily visible on lake and river. Even the bays on the Niagara had little or no ice, and there was no ice bridge below the falls at any time. A very interesting group of waterfowl took advantage of these favorable conditions off the Maid of The Mist landing, and many of our observers journeyed there to see them, as is evidenced by the records below. A very large flock of Canvasback was to be seen in the open water of Buffalo Harbor, and it was nice to see the rare Kumlien's Gull again after a protracted absence.

Since this bids fair to be one of the mildest winters in Buffalo's history (Western papers please copy), it may be interesting to compare it with the warmest ones of the past:

	Normal	89-90	12-13	18-19	31-32	36-37	48-49
November	38.5	40.6	42.5	43.0	47.9	35.0	47.1
December	28.8	37.5	34.4	35.0	35.6	33.8	32.4
January	23.9	32.8	33.8	31.0	37.2	32.4	31.2
February	23.7	31.4	22.2	28.8	31.3	28.6	

Since I moved to Buffalo in 1921, I have no recollection of any of these winters except the last three. The winter of 1931-32 saw 772 Whistling Swans wintering at Erie, and Ring-necked and Lesser Scaup Ducks rather prominently present on the Niagara. That was also the only winter of record that Bonaparte's Gulls remained here through February and March. They were here in large numbers this January, and it will be very interesting to see if they stay the winter out. In 1937, which was a rather close counterpart to our present winter, they stayed until February 2nd. In our next issue we shall give the figure to be inserted in the chart for February, and by then we will know (or will we?) how late the "Bonies" stayed.

C. S. Boardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Common Loon	Jan. 2	3(Max)	Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
Horned Grebe	" 8,15	5(Max)	" "	" , Mitchell et al
	" 9,16,23-4,1,1		" "	Hoilberns
Gr. Blue Heron	" 30	1	Tifft St.	Audubon Trip

Bl.Cr.Night Heron	Jan. 2,8,16,20	-10,9,6,6	Niagara Falls	Klabundos et al
Canada Goose	" 3,28	5,30 to 40	Lyndonville	Smith
Black Duck	" 2	600(Max)	Grand Island,Goat Is.	Brocknors,Tulinoffs
Gadwall	" 2	1	Buffalo Harbor	Savage
Pintail	" 2	6(Max)	Niagara Falls	Klabundos et al
	" 20	3	Echota	Mitchell
Redhead	All Month	3(Max)	Niagara Gorge	Many observers
	" "	10 "	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
	Jan. 9	20	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
	" 11	4	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	-Sundell,Lenna,Powers
Ring-necked Duck	Jan. 8-22	1	" " "	Several Observers
Canvasback	All Month	125 (Max)	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
	Jan.22.23	500	Niagara River	Mitchell et al
	" 30	2500 Plus(Max)	-Buffalo Harbor	-Audubon Trip
Greater Scaup	" 9	2500 (Max)	Beaver Island	Roscho
Lesser Scaup	All Month	1	Niagara Gorge	Several Observers
Bufflehead	Jan. 9	100 (Max)	Niagara River	Beardsleo,Brocknors et al
Old Squaw	" 9	50(Max)	Niagara River	Beardsleo,Savage
	" 29,30	1	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Several Observers
King Eider	" 8,-29	1	Niagara Gorge	Many observers
	" 30	2	" "	Klabundos
Wht.W.Scoter	" 2	6 (max)	Niagara River & Gorge	-Brocknors,Tulinoffs
	" 7	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
	" 8-29	4-5	Niagara Gorge	Many observers
Amer.Scoter	" 2-9	2-3	" "	Several Observers
	" 20-23	1	" "	" "
Ruddy Duck	" 1-10	3	Dunkirk Harbor	Stanley
	" 9-22-	1	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	-Beal et al
Hooded Merganser	" 8-29	3	Niagara Gorge	Several Observers
	" 30-31	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	" 6	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 29,30	1	L.Chautauqua Outlet	Lenna,Powers
Coopers Hawk	Eleven records from various observers			
Rough-Legged Hawk	Jan.1-20	1,2	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 9	1	Lake Ontario Shore	Klabundos
	" 9	3	Canadian Shore Lk.Erie	Gamble,Wolfling
	" 16	1	Rose Hill, Ont.	Beecock
Bald Eagle	" 9	1	Navy Island	Beardsleo, Savage
	" 23	1	" "	Cleaves,Mitchell,Savage
Marsh Hawk	" 2	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 23	2	Grand Island	Heilborns
Ruffed Grouse	" 18	1	Zoar Valley	Heilborns
	" 22	1	" "	Wolfling, Gamble
Glaucous Gull	" 8	1	LaSalle Quarry	Roscho
	" 15,22	1,1	Niagara Falls,Ont.	Nathan,Wright,Mitchell
Iceland Gull	" 8,15	2,2	Niagara Falls	Klabundos,Nathan et al
Kumlien's Gull	" 15	1	Niagara Falls,Ont.	Nathan,Wright
	" 23	1	" " "	Cleaves,Mitchell,Savage
Ring-billed Gull	" 8	1	Chautauqua Lake	Eldorkin
	All Month	Max.80	Niagara River	Several Observers
Bonaparte's Gull	Jan. 9	4000(Max)	" "	Brocknors,Tulinoffs
	" 15,23	3000-2000	" "	Mitchell et al
Little Gull	Jan. 15	-1-	Fort Erie, Ont.	Mitchell, Sundells
Mourning Dove	Jan. 1	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Screech Owl	" 10	1	Kenmore	Beardsleo
	" 12	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
Barred Owl	" 30	1	Clymer	Lenna
Short-eared Owl	" 2	5	Grand Island	Brocknor,Tulinoffs
Belted Kingfisher	Dec. 24	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	Jan. 11	1	"	"
	" 13	1	Goat Is.	Mitchell
	" 15	1	Niagara Falls,Ont.	Nathan,Wright

Flicker	Jan. 3,14,20	2,1,1	LeRoy	Hazelton
Pileated Woodpecker	" 8	2	Ashville	Parker, Hiller, Eldorkin
	" 20,30	1,1	E. Aurora, Emory Pk.	Wild
Red-bellied "	" 3 & throughout Mo.-1-		LeRoy	Hazelton
Red-headed "	" 25	1	Feeder, Brinton St., Bflo.-Harris rep.	Webster
Northern Horned Lark	" 2	8	Clarence Center	Wendling
Prairie " "	" 5	6	Grand Island	Mitchell
	" 27	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 30	11	Hamburg	Audubon Trip
	" 31	30	Brant	B. Wright
Tufted Titmouse	" 4	1	East Aurora Cem.	Wild
	" 23	3(max)	Larkin Estate, Derby	Wolfling, et al
Red-Br. Nuthatch	" 23	1	" " "	" " "
Carolina Wren	Most of Month	1 at Feeder, Pt. Colborne, Ont.		Rep. White
Robin	Records of at least 11 individuals from 6 different localities by various observers			
Bluebird	Jan. 2	1	Long Point Road-Rochester Census	(D. Bieber et al)
Hermit Thrush	" 30	1	Chestnut Ridge	Audubon Trip
Cedar Waxwing	Jan. 5,6,7,8	6,8,8,2	Jamestown	Powers
	" 9	3	"	Olson
	" 30	1	West Falls	Matlock
Northern Shrike	" 9	1	Shorkston, Ont.	Wolfling
	" 23	1	Woodlawn	Wolfling et al
	" 29	1	Near Niag. Falls Airport	Klabundos
Meadowlark	" 30	1	Lewiston	Klabundos
Red-wing	" 9	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 9	3	Shorkston, Ont.	Gamble, Wolfling
Bronzed Grackle	Dec. 22	1	Jamestown	Sundell
Cowbird	" 4,6	1,6	Frewsburg	Sundell
Evening Grosbeak	Jan. 9	1	East Aurora	Wild
Redpoll	" 29	8	Rose Hill, Ont.	Beecock
Goldfinch	Dec. 26,29	1,1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	Jan. 2	5	Jamestown	Lenna
	" 30	1	L. Chautauqua Outlet	"
Fox Sparrow	" 23	1	Feeder, Pt. Colbourne, Ont.	Thorpe
Swamp Sparrow	" 22	2	Levant	Sundells, Hiller
Song Sparrow	Dec. 29	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	Jan. 2	1	Grand Is.	Brockner, Tulinoffs
	" 8	2	Niagara Falls	Klabundos
Snow Bunting	" 3	25	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 24	2	Colden	Doyle
	" 30	550	Colden, West Falls, Etc.,	Audubon Trip

Other species recorded during January are Mallard, American Golden-eye, American Merganser, Red-Breasted Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow-Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Rock Dove, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Starling, English Sparrow, Cardinal, Slate-colored Junco and Tree Sparrow.

Total Number of Species for January - 87.

BUFFALO AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC., CHRISTMAS CENSUS - JANUARY 2, 1949.

Territory - Hamburg, Orchard Park, East Aurora, N. Y., centering on Chestnut Ridge Park and including Emory Park. Open farmland 60%, public parks 10%, suburban areas 5%, deciduous woods 15%, cattail marsh 1%, evergreen woods 4%, small ponds and one mile of Lake Erie Shore 5%.
Weather - wind west, 20 MPH, Temperature 25-31 degrees. 8 inches of snow, with a maximum of 3 ft. drifts. Ponds frozen, streams partially opened.

Data - There were 46 observers in 19 parties. 8 A. M. until dark. Total hours 67½, total no. of miles 390¼ (68-3/4 on foot).

Territories and observers:

1. Route 240 on west, Route 18-B on south, Route 187 on east, edge of circle on the north - R. Roscho and I. Woldman
2. Route 18-B on north and west, Route 187 on east, Route 20-A on south -F.Tilley
3. Route 240 on south and west, Route 20-A on north, Davis Road on east. Mrs. H.T. Hayes, B. Windup, Mrs. J. Marquard, Mrs. A. Ward
4. Route 187 on west, Route 78 on north and east, Big Tree Road on south -A.Wander
5. Route 78 on west, Big Tree Road on south, edge of circle on north and east- C. T. Knox
6. South Park Avenue on west, Route 18-B on south, Route 240 on east, edge of circle on north. Misses F. Row, F. J. Row, R. Englehardt
7. Lake Erie Shore from Athol Springs to Woodlawn, Route 18 on east, Southwestern Blvd. on south. A. J. Wright II
8. Center St. on west, Big Tree Rd. on north, Falls Rd. on south, edge of circle on east. B. Nathan, Mr. & Mrs. G. Griffin and son.
9. Big Tree Rd. on north, Route 240 and Davis Rd. on west, Falls Rd. on south, Center St. on east - C. T. Knox
10. Route 240 on west, Falls Rd. on north, edge of circle on south and east - Miss H. Thorpe, R. & C. Knoble, L. Knoble
11. Route 240 on east, Omphalious Rd. on north, Route 219 on west, edge of circle on south, Mr. & Mrs. W. McShane & son.
12. Route 277 & Route 219 on west, Omphalious Rd. on south, Route 240 on east, Gartman Rd. & Bohn Rd. on north,-Creightons and Ulrichs.
13. Route 277 on west, Route 240 on north and east, Gartman & Bohn Rd. on south, including east section Chestnut Ridge - E. Seeber
14. Route 277 on east and south, Newton St. on north, Route 219 on west, excluding Chestnut Ridge Park - Mr. and Mrs. A. Brettle
15. Big Tree Rd. on north, Route 62 on west, Newton St. on south, Route 277 on east. R. Roscho and I. Woldman
16. Route 62 on east, Creek Rd. on south, edge of circle on west, Route 20 on north. Messrs. H. Mitchell, S. & W. Dugan, Misses E. Jones, E. J. Windsor.
17. Creek Rd. on north, Route 219 on east, edge of circle on west, Kehr & Schweickhardt Rds. on south - Mrs.A. Bacon, Mrs. E. Molberg
18. West section Chestnut Ridge Park - R. Wilson, H. Evans, Jr., H. Evans, Sr., I.Lyons
19. East Aurora, Chestnut Ridge and Emery Parks - Heilborns

American Golden-eye	28	7
Goshawk	1	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	14
Cooper's Hawk	2	9, 15
Red-tailed Hawk	2	2, 13
Rough-leg. "	4	4,6,8,9
Marsh Hawk	3	7, 14, 15
Sparrow Hawk	15	
Ruffed Grouse	2	11, 12
Ring-necked Pheasant	107	
Herring Gull	78	
Ring-billed Gull	2	12
Mourning Dove	7	9, 11, 15
Belted Kingfisher	1	1
Hairy Woodpecker	8	*
Downy "	34	
Prairie Horned Lark	8	16
Blue Jay	26	
Crow	13	2,6,12,14,17
Chickadee	237	
White-Br. Nuthatch	9	
Red " "	1	17

Brown Creeper	5	7, 16, 18
Hermit Thrush	1	13
Golden-cr. Kinglet	9	8, 16, 18
Starling	918	
English Sparrow	2512	
Meadowlark	1	17
Red-wing	6	7, 15
Cardinal	7	
Common Redpoll	1	12
White-winged Crossbill	1	13
Red-eyed Towhee	1	13
Junco	99	
Tree Sparrow	707	
Song Sparrow	5	6, 7, 13
Lapland Longspur	4	13
Snow Bunting	2475	5, 8, 12, 15 (1852 in #13)

Total 38 species 7331 individuals.

The third Christmas Census taken by the Audubon Society has proved to be the most outstanding. With all the observers combing their areas thoroughly this year we added 8 new species to the total number of species in the area the last three years. (52) Goshawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Mourning Dove, Kingfisher, Hermit Thrush, Ring-b. Gull, Meadowlark and Sharp-shinned Hawk. It is interesting to note the extremely high Pheasant count this year because of the closed season in Erie County. Also the absence of Crows from most of the area. It was a surprise to everyone that there were so many Snow Buntings observed - 1852 birds were counted by Edward Seeber in his territory alone. We wish to thank Mr. Mitchell for all his invaluable assistance and help. Many thanks to all those observers who participated in the count and made it so successful.

Richard C. Reeche and Robert L. Knoble.

CHRISTMAS CENSUS REPORT - JAMESTOWN, N. Y., - DEC. 27, 1948

Jamestown, N. Y. (center of town north to Gerry, east to Poland, south to Riverside; deciduous woods 10%, coniferous woods 14%, mixed deciduous and coniferous woods 29%, swampland 5%, fields 25%, streams and rivers 7%, marshes 10%) December 27th, 7 A. M. to 5:15 P. M. Clear during A. M., clouding over at noon; temperature 10 to 20 degrees; wind N. 5 to 20 MPH; 1 to 6 inches of fresh snow on ground; streams and rivers partly open, other water (including marshes and Lake Chautauqua) frozen. Eight observers in 3 parties. Total hours 16-3/4 (9 on foot, 7-3/4 by car) total miles 96 (82 by car, 14 on foot).
Pied-billed Grebe 1 (seen at close range from bridge over Cassadaga Creek by C.E., C.P., P.L., L.L.); wood duck 1 (imm. flushed from open stream near large marsh by C.B., R.A.S.); goshawk 1 (ad.male seen at 50 yds. by C.B.); sharp-shinned hawk 1; sparrow hawk 2; ruffed grouse 8; ring-necked pheasant 23; herring gull 175 (est.); ring-billed gull 9; mourning dove 2; hairy woodpecker 2; downy woodpecker 26; blue jay 10; Am. Crow 3; black-capped chickadee 72; white-breasted nuthatch 26; brown creeper 10; golden-cr. kinglet 5; starling 345; English sparrow 60; red-wing 1; cowbird 1; cardinal 3, common redpoll 1 (seen at 20 yd. range in flock of 50 goldfinches by R.A.S.) Goldfinch 52; slate-col. junco 46; tree sparrow 335; swamp sparrow 4; song sparrow 9; snow bunting 31. Total 30 species; 1267 individuals. (Seen in area during census period: Am. Golden-eye 8; Coopers Hawk 2; Belted Kingfisher 1). C. Beal, Mrs. C. Enderkin, Miss A. Hiller, C. Parker, P. Lenna, L. Love, R. A. Sundell, R.H. Sundell.

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With the recent election of Clark S. Beardslee to the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the B.O.S. now has the distinction of having three of its members on the governing body of the Museum. We are both proud and pleased at his election to this honor.

NOTES

The Rochester Christmas Census, held on January 2nd, totaled 67 species against the previous high of 62 in 1946. Five species never before observed on this Census were Amer. Scoter, Killdeer, Bluebird, Migrant Shrike and Lapland Longspur. New high records in numbers were recorded for such birds as Amer. Mergansers 122; Rough-legged Hawks 11; Marsh Hawks 14; Sparrow Hawks 29; Cardinals 19; Tree Sparrows 8-6; Song Sparrows 20. The list also included Ruddy Duck, Coot, Glaucous and Iceland Gulls, 4 kinds of Owls, including a short-eared on an airplane wing at the airport, Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Horned Lark, Red-br. Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Northern Shrike, Myrtle Warbler, Red-wing, Purple Finch and White-thr. Sparrow. This excellent census, in which 46 observers took part, was reported in detail by Allan Klonick in the Goshawk Vol. 1, No. 5.

Reports from Rochester and vicinity received from W.L.G. Edson for the week ending Jan. 14th include Horned Grebe, Hooded Merganser, Pine Siskin and White-winged Crossbill, species not seen the previous week. During the following week, Pied-b. Grebe, Ruddy Duck, Little Gull and Redpoll are especially noteworthy, while during the last week of January a flock of 9 Bluebirds was seen along Honeoye Creek, highlighting the land-bird records of this comparatively mild and open winter.

H. D. Mitchell

Several times during January a Mallard-Black Duck hybrid has been seen in or near the Power Intake Canal at Niagara Falls by various observers. In general its plumage is like a Black Duck but its entire head is bright green.

Dr. Gordon B. White of Port Colbourne, Ont., states in a recent letter: - "... the following may be of interest from the point of view of date. On 22nd September last, an adult male (Cardinal) brought a young male to our tray and fed it there. This continued daily for a week, after which the adult would chase the young one away".

A loon which was seen almost daily during January in the Gorge below Niagara Falls appeared considerably smaller than the Common Loon, and is believed to have been a Lesser Loon. Bill shape similar to that of Common Loon, but all dimensions appeared smaller than other Common Loons.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, March 9th: - Discussion of Plans for A.O.U. Meeting - James Savage, General Chairman, and William C. Vaughan. 8 P. M. Humboldt Room, Museum.

Wednesday, March 23rd: - Plans for Duck Census, Cy Wolfling, Leader (Un.7077). Kodachrome moving pictures of a Nesting Robin - "Sitting Pretty" - Ray Berger.

Field Trips

Sunday, March 6th: - Niagara Loop, Mary Louise Emerson, Leader (Li.0067) Meet at Peace Bridge 8:30 A. M.

Sunday, March 27th: - Newstead and Shelby Sinks, Marie Wendling, Leader (Wmsv.284-J) Meet at Main City Line 8 A. M. or Williamsville Town Hall at 8:15 A. M.

Sunday, April 3rd: - Spring Duck Census, Cy Wolfling, Leader (Un. 7077)

Audubon Program

Sunday, Feb. 27th: 10 A. M. Field Trip Chestnut Ridge Park. Meet Genesee St. side of City Hall 10 A.M. or Seneca & Cazenovia at 10:15 A. M. Take lunch. Will have fire for broiling wieners. Leader Betty Tilley (Se. 4035).

Thursday, March 3rd: - Annual Meeting at Town Club. Details later.

In response to many requests, we now have a supply of Wild Bird food, which we send postpaid to any point in Western New York at following prices: -

	5#	10#	15#	20#	25#	30#	50#
Millet	$.50	.90	1.30	1.65	2.00	2.35	3.75
Sunflower	1.15	2.20	3.25	4.25	5.25	6.20	10.15
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Please address your requests to Mrs. Carl Eschelman, Chm., Feeding Station Committee, 8 North Drive, Buffalo 16, N. Y.

Audubon Screen Tours - Sunday, March 13th - Rev. George M. Link "Alluring Alaska"
Sunday, April 3rd - Alice & Harold Allen "Sounds of The Sagoland".
Auditorium, Museum, 3 P. M.

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The Month

It may be interesting to our readers to get out their last issue of the Prothonotary and insert the figure 31.7 in the temperature table under February 1949. That was February's mean temperature, and it was second only to February, 1882, in mildness in the entire history of Buffalo's weather bureau. Using the months of November, December, January and February as a basis, this past winter has been one of the mildest of record, being surpassed only by the winter of 1931-32. The Bonaparte's Gulls did indeed remain throughout the month, and are still here as this is written. It was the first February in which I ever saw a Robin in my yard; and the fact that none has visited me since is March's fault, not February's. The Brettles told me that while they counted (and reported) twenty Robins around their Zoar Valley cottage on the 19th, there must have been fifty there, and that the air was full of their songs. Other weather phenomena included the fact that the temperature at no time fell below ten degrees above zero (compare this with February, 1934, when the mean was 11.6 degrees); snowfall was only 5.2 inches, third lowest in history; and the lakes were ice-free almost every day. The very substantial incursion of Redpolls (of three races), while scarcely chargeable to the weather, was nevertheless one of the highlights of a very unusual month.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* -- denotes new species for the year
F -- " First record of migration
L -- " Last " " "

Horned Grebe	Feb. 20	1	Chautauqua Lake	Eldorkins
*D.Cr.Cormorant	" 20,27	1,1	Grand Island	B.O.S.Trip, Thorpe, Nathan
	" 22	1	Niagara Falls	Webster, Roscho, Moore
B.Cr.N.Heron	" 5,21	5 max.	Forest Lawn	Mitchell, Sundells, Roscho
	20	4	Niagara Falls	B.O.S. Trip
	26	1	Port Colbourne, Ont.	Wright, Seeber
Canada Goose	" 6,20,26	40,42,150	Lyndonville	Smith
		40 wintered near Lyndonville		"
*Baldpate	" 5	1 F	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
	" 12,19	1,12	Chautauqua Lake	Eldorkins
Pintail	" 3	3	Goat Island	Beardslee
	" 4	3	Niagara Falls	Mitchell
	" 13	7	Goat Island	Seeber, et al

*Wood Duck	Feb. 21	2 F	Sinclairville	Sundells
Redhead	" 27	40	Fuhrmann Dr.	Audubon Trip
	" 27	20-30	Dunkirk Harbor	Eldorkins
Ring-Nkd.Duck	" 13	2	Niagara River	Gamble,Wolfling
	" 16,19,26-2,5,15		Lake Chaut.Outlet	Lenna, Eldorkins
Canvasback	" 27	1750	Fuhrmann Drive	Audubon Trip
Bufflehead	" 13	75 max.	Niagara River	Gamble, Wolfling
Amer. Scoter	Jan.30	1 L	Gorge	Andrle et al
Ruddy Duck	Feb. 20	1	East River	Gamble, Wolfling
Hooded Merganser	All Mo.	1	Lake Chaut.Outlet	Several observers
	Feb. 22	2	Niagara R.	Gamble et al
Goshawk	" 27	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Sharp-sh.Hawk	" 19	1	Fluvanna	Lenna
*Red-Shouldered Hawk	" 19,26,27	2,1,3	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 1	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	5-26	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	12	1	Jamestown	"
	27	1	Buckhorn Is.	Gamble, Wolfling
Rough-leg.Hawk	Records of seven individuals from various observers			
Bald Eagle	Feb. 3	2	Navy Is., on nest	Beardslee
	6,13	2,1	" " , at nest	Gamble, Wolfling
	20	2	Grand Is.	B.O.S. Trip
	19	1	Buckhorn Is.	Seeber, Weldman
	26	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Marsh Hawk	Records of eight individuals from various observers			
*Coot	Feb.10,12,20	1F,1,8	Chautauqua Lake	Eldorkins, Powers
	13	1	Youngstown	Nathan, Seeber, et al
*Killdeer	" 19	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	" 20	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 17,19	1,1	Squaw Is.	Andrle,Murphy,Seeber
	" 20	1 imm.	Niagara Falls	B.O.S. Trip
	" 21	1	Bird Island	Mitchell, Sundells
Iceland Gull	" 17	2 imm.	Squaw Is.	Andrle, Murphy
Bonaparte's Gull	At least 300 remained throughout month on Niagara River			
Mourning Dove	Feb. 20	1	Chippewa, Ont.	Koch
	20	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	22	2	Grand Is.	Wolfling
	23	1	Lyndonville	Smith
	27	3	East Elma	Knox
*Barn Owl	" 12	1	Niagara Falls	Nathan, Almendinger
Screech Owl	" 8	1	Lyndonville	Smith
Barred Owl	" 26	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
*Gt.Horned Owl	" 20	1	Grand Is.	Gamble, Wolfling
Long-eared Owl	Jan. 22	2	Buckhorn Is.	Andrle, Thill
	Feb. 19	3	Buckhorn Is.	Seeber et al
	19	1	U.of B. Campus	Reschke
	20	3	Grand Is.	B.O.S. Trip
Short-eared Owl	" 6	13 max.	Niagara Falls	Klabundes,Heilberns
	From 1 to 11 individuals were seen there on seven other days by several observers			
	" 19	1	Lincoln Park	Reschke
Belted Kingfisher	" 19	1	Randolph	Eldorkins
	" 20,21	1,1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 21	1	Frewsburg	Rep. Sundells
Flicker	" 19	1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	26	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	26	1	Kenmore	Rep. Andrle
Pileated Woodpecker	" 6,6	1,1	Sinking Ponds,Chestnut Ridge	Nathan,Thorpe, Almendinger

Red-Headed Woodpecker	Feb. 19	1	Lincoln Park	Roscho
Pr. Horned Lark	Jan. 23	1	Evans	Wolfling et al
	Feb. 1	6	Springville	Wright
	Numerous records from many localities thereafter.			
Tufted Titmouse	Feb. 6	3	Derby	Seeber, Weldman, Roscho
Red-br. Nuthatch	Feb. 20	1	Wilson	B.O.S. Trip
*Winter Wren	" 20	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
Robin	" 19	20 max.	Zoar Valley	Brettles
Records of about fifty other individuals, mostly after the middle of month.				
Bluebird	Feb. 19	2 F	Chestnut Ridge	Verrill
	" 26	1	North Boston	Percy Miller (rep. Almendinger)
Cedar Waxwing	Feb. 9	7	West Falls	Matlocks
	20	10	Lyndonville	Smith
	20	40 max.	Jamestown	Rep. Sundell
Northern Shrike	" 26	1	Camelot, Ont.	Wright, Seeber, Storey
Meadowlark	" 3	2	Tonawanda	Mitchell
	" 6	5	Rose Hill, Ont.	Beecock
	" 13	7 max.	Grand Is.	Gamble, Wolfling
Red-wing	" 20	29F max.	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 26	60 max.	Grand Is.	Heilberns
	" 27	75 "	Tifft St.	Audubon Trip
*Rusty Blackbird	" 22	1 F	Hamburg	Brettles
*Bronzed Grackle	" 16, 20	3F, 1	Jamestown	Powers, Lenna
	" 20	12	Allegany St. Park	Rep. Weldman
	" 24	1	Grand Is.	Shadle, Gamble, et al
Cowbird	" 18	9 F, 1	Derby, Tifft St.	Webster, Roscho
	" 19	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Evening Grosbeak	" 3	12	East Aurora	Knox
	" 6	14	" "	Nathan, Thorpe, Almendinger
*Purple Finch	" 14	2 F	Panama	Rep. Sundell
*Hoary Redpoll	" 27	1 F	Frewsburg	Lenna
Common Redpoll	" 1	150	Springville	Wright
	6	60	Gartman Rd.	Seeber et al
	6	70	East Aurora	Knox
	6	300	Chestnut Ridge	Nathan, Thorpe, Almendinger
	16, 18	50, 12	West Falls	Matlocks
	20-Mar. 2	150	Ridgeville, Ont.	Selby
	26, 27	40-50	at roost, Frewsburg	Sundell, Lenna, Powers
	27	60	Grand Is.	Nathan, Thorpe
All of the above numbers are maximums. Numerous smaller flocks were reported from these areas and from the following: Wilson, Jamestown, LaSalle Quarry, Rose Hill, Ont., Camelot, Ont., Sinclairville.				
*Greater Redpoll	Feb. 27	1	Grand Island	Nathan
	27	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
*Pine Siskin	" 6	12F (approx)	Chestnut Ridge	Nathan, Thorpe, Almendinger
	" 20	30	East Aurora	Mitchell, Ulrich
Goldfinch	" 1	5	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Sundell, Lenna, Van Wye
	" 6	2	Gartman Rd.	Seeber et al
	" 19	1	LaSalle Quarry	Roscho
	" 20	2	Wilson	B.O.S. Trip
	" 22	2	Niagara Falls	Webster, Roscho, Moore
	" 27	2		Audubon Trip
*Red Crossbill	" 6	6	Chestnut Ridge	Nathan, Thorpe, Almendinger
Song Sparrow	Records of 12 individuals from Jamestown, Sinking Pons, Lyndonville, Dunkirk, Grand Is., Niagara Gorge and Buffalo			
Snow Bunting	Feb. 1	1	West Falls	Matlock
	" 5	30	Lyndonville	Smith
	" 6	300	East Aurora	Knox
	" 12	150	Chestnut Ridge	Weldman

No. of species recorded in January - 89
Now for February (D.C. Cormorant, Baldpate, Wood Duck, Red.sh. Hawk, Coot, Killdeer, Barn Owl, Gt. Horned Owl, Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird, Purple Finch, Bronzed Grackle, Hoary Redpoll, Greater Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Red Crossbill) 16

Total 105

This compares with 81 in 1948
94 in 1947
79 in 1946.

OUR CARDINALS - 1948

Our male Cardinal has now been with us for three full years. His adventures during 1948 have been even more varied and exciting to us than during the first two years, and our story will thus be longer. (See Prothonotary March 1947 and March 1948).

In the last report (dated January 5, 1948) we left our friend in company with a female which we suspected was one of his daughters because of her tameness. They came to eat our sunflower seeds several times a day and they particularly filled themselves immediately before a snowstorm.

Here are some of the first 1948 dates from the records:

January 15 — 15°F. Male paid considerable attention to female with much fluttering of wings. He even chased her about in the trees.

About January 28 — During a cold spell, female disappeared (for good).

February 2 — He whistled for the first time this winter, sitting in the apple tree next to our food tray.

He kept up his cheerful whistling throughout winter and spring, evidently hoping to attract a new wife. During March and April he took gradually longer trips away from home, at first only during the day, later for several days at a time. The last two weeks of April he was gone entirely, we thought for good. (In 1947 the first nest was found April 15).

On the morning of May 1, we again heard his little chip-chip outside the house. Betty and I looked at each other excitedly and we both said at the same time: "He is back". We rushed seeds to the empty tray (emptied by Sparrows and Grackles) and he immediately came and ate a full meal. Our happiness, however, soon changed to sorrow as we watched him. He awkwardly hopped around on only one foot, the poor little fellow, with the other leg hanging limp. We will never know what had happened to our little friend, but we were afraid he was doomed in the fight for survival. He did not bring a wife either; however, he hopefully kept up his singing and whistling. His leg gradually became better and after a couple of weeks he partially supported himself on it. We now wondered what further adventures spring would bring. He was a member of our family, and we followed his day by day escapades with considerable interest. By now he came to the seed tray when we were only some 15 feet away, even with the Monday wash blowing in the wind close by.

The real excitement started May 15th when we definitely identified a shy and timid female. My notes for the 15th state: "He is singing wildly." We thought we had heard a whistling reply a few times before (even as early as May 5) but we were never quite sure. The two followed each other all over. He tried to coax her to the seed tray but she was too shy so he cracked seeds and fed them to her in the tree. When she dropped one, he dived to the ground and picked it up. They were a very cute couple, to say the least. He took her all around and showed her the available shrubs, even the one close to Tryon's front doorstep where his previous wife's

old nest was still intact. But that was much too close to danger, in her opinion; she wanted to go far away from the houses. However, he insisted and coaxed, and they finally picked a mock orange bush some 25 feet from the corner of the same house. (He seemed to be the boss as well as a very attentive husband). They both carted building material for 3 days and had the nest almost built on the 18th, with but a little more added the next day or two. The nest was well hidden about 7 feet from the ground.

The records give the following information:

They were seen mating on May 16 (Mrs. Tryon)
No egg yet on the 21st.
No inspection on 22nd or 23rd, but the latter day she was seen in nest on two occasions (morning and evening).
May 24, 7:30 A.M. Female on nest; 3 eggs.
May 27. Only two eggs (we suspected a Grackle).
June 4, noon. Two eggs.
June 5, 1 P. M. One baby, one egg.
June 10. The one egg finally removed; unfertilized.
June 15. Baby left nest; was cared for by both parents for the next two weeks.

During the week of June 20, the male whistled more and more frequently (very infrequently during the past three weeks) and the mate answered occasionally. During the same week she finally overcame her shyness sufficiently to come to the feeding trays to eat the sunflower seeds, but only if we were at least 50 feet away, or preferably not in sight. She gradually got bolder, but neve r felt at ease like her mate. Instead, he frequently fed her in the tree (as well as on the tray). We were unable to find another nest and no second brood ever showed up.

We hardly saw the youngster for about three weeks. She did not follow the parents to the trays out in the open, as had the youngsters of the two previous years. From middle of July, she began to show up more often, however, either foraging alone or with her father, and she soon became a frequent visitor on our tray. Although she looked much like an adult female, except for the gray beak, she still asked occasionally to be fed.

On approximately July 15, the old female suddenly disappeared. The male sang and whistled vigorously for her for the next ten days or so and took long trips in the vicinity (seen as much as half a mile away). But all was in vain and he then gradually calmed down to a more normal behavior.

The nest this year had no interwoven birch bark as had all four nests found in 1947 and 1946, when he had a different wife! It appears as if this little decorative touch was the result of feminine inspiration in this case.

The Cardinals were always late feeders on the tray at dusk and early at dawn. They demanded less daylight than the other day birds. For instance, in the clear morning of July 25 the male came at 5:10 daylight saving time, and gave us some of his finest whistling from the apple tree outside our window before starting his breakfast; just five minutes before The Robins and Mourning Doves began to announce that daybreak. Incidentally, he got so tame that he sat down and ate on the tray with us barely 10 feet away. To our amazement, his leg healed up sufficiently for full use.

During the week of August 22 (August 20 to 23 in 1947) he rapidly diminished his whistling and was quiet by the end of the week. His molting was then well in progress. He soon looked miserable and was more timid and nervous than before. September 11 record states: "The top of the head and a small tuft just beginning to be bright red; looks cute." By the end of September he was all red again and he looked really gorgeous around the 10th of October.

On August 28 we found a dead bird near the house. It was considerably decomposed but the bill was that of a Cardinal. The bill was not pink, however, either because it was a young bird or because the color had disappeared after death. We suspected it was the lost mature female.

The interest for the next four weeks centered around the fact that two females were present occasionally. Temperamentally they were very different. One was this year's youngster and the bill was not yet pink. She was well at home here, not afraid of us, and bold and pugnacious beyond what seems to be natural for Cardinals. She even chased away the Grackles from the trays. She flew away about August 20 but appeared again on September 9 and stayed for about a week. She then practically took over the two trays at Tryon's house for herself and even the father preferred to eat his meals at our tray to avoid complications. She picked a very noisy scrap with daddy the first evening (September 9); he would not permit her to go to rest (as she was evidently accustomed) in the vines covering Tryon's back porch. This was his domain and he finally managed to chase her away in the dusk. On October 20 there was much chirping and excitement. Both females were again present, but only for one day. The youngster was now more mature.

The other female was a little more mature looking and had a slightly pink bill and molted but lightly during this period. It may have been a bird born early in the spring of 1948 and chased out into the world by her parents. She was quiet and timid and was at first not anxious to appear on the trays. She was frequently seen from August 28 on. When she appeared the first days, the male announced the tidings with much excited chirping. She soon found the food on Tryon's trays and appeared on our tray on September 19 for the first time. By this time she had settled down here and she very soon became almost as tame as the male. Her bill became real pink later in the fall and she took on a sleek and pretty appearance. She and the male usually kept company - but when they both appeared at the trays at the same time, she searched the ground for the leavings while he fattened himself six feet higher up. As soon as he left, she flew up, almost vertically, to enjoy the tidbits available. For some reason he was the boss and she humbly kneeled at his feet. If she was there first, she yielded the table to him. This performance was kept up all fall, and only just recently have they appeared together on the edge of the tray, but only for short moments. We expect a different picture in another two months!

About six weeks from now, we will again hear his "purty purty" whistling, foretelling the coming of spring, and we are all eagerly looking forward to his 1949 adventures. He is a dear member of our family circle.

THE HEILBORNS

December 31, 1948.

NOTES

Records from Rochester and vicinity for February, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, include up to mid-month such wintering interesting species as Common and Red-thr. Loons, Canada Goose, White-w. Scoter, Ring-n. Duck, Glaucous and Iceland Gulls, Barn Owl, Mourning Dove, Flicker, Pileated, Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpeckers, Red-br. Nuthatch, Northern Shrike, Purple Finch, Redpoll, Pine Siskin and Swamp Sparrow. Also reported were Baldpate, Y.B. Sapsucker, Robin, Redwing and Meadowlark, birds which may not always remain as far north during more severe winters.

During the week ending Feb. 26th, added species included Holboell's Grebe, Pintail, Bonaparte's Gull, Bluebird, and Rusty Blackbird, some of these denoting an early migration movement. The record of White-winged Crossbill is also noteworthy.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trips

Sunday, April 3rd: Spring Duck Census, Cyril Wolfling, Leader (Un.7077).

Sunday, April 10th: Oak Orchard Swamp. Details later.

Sunday, April 24th: Lake Shore, Dunkirk, Cassadaga Lake. Winston Brockner, Leader. (El.6888) Details later.

Meetings

Wednesday, April 13th: Report on Spring Duck Census by Cyril Wolfling. 8 P.M. Humboldt Room, Museum.

Wednesday, April 27th: A forum discussion by the Conservation Committee. Edward Seeber, Chairman. 8 P.M., Humboldt Room, Museum.

Audubon Screen Tour

Sunday, April 3rd: "Sounds of The Sageland" by Alice and Harold Allen. 3 P. M. Auditorium, Museum.

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The Month

The first portion of March was more wintry than any part of the preceding month. The rest of March was much warmer than usual. The change in temperature was almost exactly co-incidental with the calendar advent of spring. The transition was abrupt; compared with normal, the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd were respectively 16 minus, 11 minus, 15 plus, and 22 plus. Snowfall for the month was 14.3 inches as compared with normal of 10.3, and all of it came during the cold portion of the month. The early migration of Robins, Red-wings, etc., which started in late February, was stopped cold by the wintry weather, and it was not until the turn came during the night of the 20th and 21st that Robins really flooded Buffalo. Navigation officially opened on the 21st, although the first departure was on the 16th and the first arrival on the 17th. This was the earliest opening of record. Many very interesting observations will be found below. The most unusual occurrence since Dr. Meade collected a Sage Thrasher was the taking of a British Lesser Black-backed Gull by Andrle. The two Harlequin Duck records were also exceptionally fine. Many groups of Redpolls prolonged their stay throughout the month, and the hardy 300 Bonaparte's Gulls which had remained at the foot of Sheridan Drive were still here to greet their migrant relatives.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* - denotes new species for the year.
F - " First record of migration.
L - " Last " " "

*Holboell's Grebe	Mar. 21-22(F)	1	Lake Chautauqua Out.	Several Observers
	" 27	1	West Riv.near Chippewa,Ont.	Koch
Horned Grebe	" 18	1	Dunkirk	Stanley
	" 26	1	Cassadaga	Elderkins
*Pied-billed Grebe	" 24(F)	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
	" 26	1	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al
	" 27	2	Rowsburg	Elderkins
D.Cr.Cormorant	" 19	2	Grand Island	Roscho
	" 20	1	" "	Audubon Trip
Gr.Blue Heron	" 20(F)	-	Building Nests-Centralia	-Stanley
	" 24	5	Grand Island	Shadle,Gamble et al
	" 26	6	Oak Orchard	Mitchell et al

*Whistling Swan	Mar.	13	33	Stowe, N.Y.	Eldorkins
		21,23	1	Lake Chaut. Outlet	Lonna
		23,27	1,1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		23	100	Canadian Shore	Brockner, Tulinoffs
		23	99,1	Above Falls, Gorge	Heilborns
		23,24	Several dead birds picked up in Gorge-Muma rep. Heilborns et al		
		24,26	3	Burntship Creek	Heilborns et al
		26,27,29	3	Gorge	Koch, Tulinoff
		29	90	Jamestown	Beal
		29	226	Lakewood	Eldorkins
Canada Goose	Mar.	6(F)	26	Oak Orchard	Seeber, Gamble, Drobitz
		14	600	" "	Mitchell, Nathan, Almendinger
		19	4	Barcelona	Several Observers
		26,27	6200, 6500 max. Oak Orchard & Alabama Sinks-Wolfling et al		
		26	1 part albino-Oak Orchard-Wolfling, Gamble, Andrle		
*L. Snow Goose	Mar.	26(F)	1	Oak Orchard	" " "
*Blue Goose	Mar.	26(F)	1	Alabama Sinks	" " "
Pintail	Mar.	6	420	Wolcottsville	Brockner, Tulinoffs
*Green-W. Teal	Mar.	26(F)	2	Oak Orchard	Wolfling, Gamble, Andrle
Wood Duck	"	22,26	3,6	Lyndonville	Smiths
		26	6	Fluvana	Lonna
		29	4	Lake Chaut. Outlet	Eldorkins, Powers
Redhead	Mar.	19	100 max. Goat Isl.		Heilborns
		21	700 "	Lake Chaut. Outlet	Lonna
Ring-Necked Duck	Mar.	5	6	Grand Island	Roscho, Cohell, Nowacki
		11,19	2,8	" "	Andrle, Thill, Reeder
		13	22 max. Dunkirk		Lonna
		23	30 "	Lake Chaut. Outlet	Lonna
		23	2	Lyndonville	Smiths
		29	2	Gorge	Tulinoff
*Harlequin Duck	Mar.	13,19,21	1,1,1	Dunkirk Harbor	Eldorkins et al
		15	1	Niagara River, Ont. Shore-Lumsden, Muma rep. Baillie	
King Eider	Mar.	19	2	Dunkirk	Mitchell et al
		13	1	Bird Is.	Nathan, Weldman
		20	2	Dunkirk	Eldorkins, Roscho et al
White-Wing. Scoter	Mar.	20	1	Wilson Harbor	Brockner, Tulinoffs
		24	1	Bird Is.	Mitchell
Ruddy Duck	Mar.	21	1	Lake Chaut. Outlet	Lonna
		27	1	Niag. Gorge	Koch
Hooded Merganser	Mar.	6	2	Niagara River	B.O.S. Trip
		19	2	Point Gratiot,	Eldorkins, Beal, Sundells
			Many records thereafter		
*Turkey Vulture	Mar.	13,19	1	Jamestown	Lonna, Powers
		26	1	Oak Orchard	Wolfling, Gamble, Andrle
		27	7	" "	Wolfling et al
Sharp-sh. Hawk	Mar.	16,29	1,1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		27	1	Oak Orchard	Gamble, Andrle, Thill
Cooper's Hawk	Mar.	4	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
		7,10,20,23	1,1,1,1	Lyndonville	Smiths
Red-tailed Hawk	Mar.	11	2 N	Lyndonville	Smith
		21	5(migrating)	Dunkirk	Axtell, Thorpe
Red-shouldered Hawk	Mar.	9	1	Derby	Gamble
		13,20	1,1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		21	1(Migrating)	Dunkirk	Axtell, Thorpe
		24	1	Falconer	Olson
Rough-legged Hawk	Records of 15 individuals, including four seen in the Oak Orchard area, by various observers.				

Bald Eagle	Mar.	6,27	2	Navy Island	B.O.S.Trip, Koch
		13	6	Jordan, Chippawa, Niag.Falls, Navy Isl., Ont.	Jas. Baillie
		19	1	Barcelona	Several Observers
		22	1	Migrating over Kenmore	Beardslee
		27	3	Lyndonville	Smiths
		29	1	Niagara Falls	Tulinoff
*Virginia Rail	Mar.	19(F)	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
Coot	Mar.	17	1	Picked up in field near Silver Creek & released a week later in Dunkirk Harbor	- Stanley
		20	1	Dunkirk	Mitchell et al
		23	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		26	1	Oak Orchard	Nathan et al
*Woodcock	Mar.	12(F)	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		23	1	Snyder	Gamble, Wolfling
*Wilson's Snipe	Mar.	26(F)	1	North Buffalo	Andrle
		27	3	Frewsburg	Sundells
Glaucous Gull	Mar.	5	8	Buffalo Harbor	Andrle
		5	4	Niagara Riv.& Tifft St.	-Nathan et al /dinger
		12	3	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Nathan, Almen/
		13	1	Bird Is.	Nathan, Weldman
		13	1	Lake Chaut.Outlet	Lenna
		13,14,18,30-	1	LaSalle Quarry	Roscho
		19	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
Iceland Gull	Mar.	6	1	Niagara Falls	B.O.S. Trip
		5	1,1	Niagara River & Tifft St.	Nathan et al
		6,7,10,11	1-2	Tifft St.	Andrle /dinger
		12	1	Buffalo Harbor	Mitchell, Nathan, Almen/
		13	1	Bird Is.	Nathan, Weldman
		19	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell et al
		21	1	" "	Axtell, Thorpe
*British Lesser Black-Backed Gull	Mar.	14	-1(collected)	Tifft St.	Andrle
Bonaparte's Gull	Mar.	13	300	Ft.of Sheridan Dr.	Beardslee
		20	1000	Niagara River	Brockner, Tulinoff
Barn Owl	Mar.	27	1	Scottsville	Gamble, Andrle, Thill
Screech Owl	Mar.	4	1	Delaware Park	Roscho
		23	4	Lincoln Pk., Snyder	Gamble, Wolfling
Gt.Horned Owl	Mar.	3	2 N	Lyndonville	Smiths
Barred Owl	Mar.	19	1	"	"
Long-eared Owl	Mar.	5	2	Grand Island	Lenna
		19	1	" "	Mitchell et al
		19	2	Buckhorn Is.	Andrle, Thill, Redder
Short-eared Owl	Mar.	5	7	Near Buffalo	Several observers
		19	1	Sinclairville	Olson, Lenna, Powers
		19,20	12	Niag.Falls Airport	Brockner, Tulinoffs, Roscho
		19	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
		27	1	Grand Island	Roscho, Windsor, Praemassings
Saw-whet Owl	Feb.	23	2	Bertie, Ont.	Muma, rep. Baillie
Pileated Woodpecker	Mar.	19	1	Sinclairville	Several observers
	2nd half of Mar.		-3	Dewittville	Taylor
*Phoebe	Mar.	16(F)	1	Jamestown	Rep. Parker
	Records of 9 individuals after March 26th				
*Purple Martin	Mar.	28(F)	1	Wanakah	Schmahl
Tufted Titmouse	Mar.	19	2	Barcelona	Several observers
		19	2	Derby	Mitchell et al
Red-breasted Nuthatch		13	1	Grand Island	Nathan, Weldman
Winter Wren	Mar.	24	1	Niagara Gorge	Heilborns
Cedar Waxwing	Mar.	7	7	Lyndonville	Smiths
Northern Shrike	Mar.	6	1	Oak Orchard	Seeber, Gamble, Drobits
		19	1	Mt. Vernon	Mitchell et al

*Migrant Shriko	Mar.	26	2,1	Dunkirk,Frodonia	Stanley ot al
Starling	Mar.	26	1-part albino-W.Shelby		Wolfling,Gamble,Andrle
Rusty Blackbird	Mar.	12	3	Amhorst	Wolfling
		20	1	Jamestown	Lonna
		23	3	Niagara Falls	Tulinoffs
		26	1	Oak Orchard	Nathan ot al
		27	6	Lovant	Miller
Purple Finch	Mar.	28	1	Jamestown	Beal
Common Redpoll	Mar.	20	50	Wilson	Brocknor,Tulinoffs
		26	70	Oak Orchard	Mitchell,Nathan ot al

Smaller flocks woro reported from Frewsburg, LaSalle Quarry, Jamestown, Canadian Shore and Grand Island.

Pine Siskin	Mar.	20	2	Wilson	Brocknor,Tulinoffs
Goldfinch	Mar.	5,19	2,1	Jamestown	Lonna
Red Crossbill	Mar.	5	1	Hamburg Cemetery	Nathan ot al
White-w.Crossbill	Mar.	12	(heard) Chestnut Ridge		Mitchell,Nathan,Almendinger
*Vesper Sparrow	Mar.	30(F)	2	Jamestown	Lonna
*Field Sparrow	Mar.	26(F)	1	Jamestown	Lonna,Powers
		28	1	South Park	Brocknor
*White-Thr.Sparrow	Mar.	27(F)	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Fox Sparrow	Mar.	30	1	West Falls	Matlocks
		30	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Swamp Sparrow	Mar.	26	1	Oak Orchard	Wolfling,Gamble,Andrle
Snow Bunting	Mar.	12	30	Lyndonville	Smiths

New Species for March -- 18
Previous Total 105
Total to date 123 (1948 total to date - 112)

For quite sometime, the members of the B.O.S, have speculated upon the route or routes, which the migratory hawks follow as they pass through Western New York. While we have at the present time some ideas about the paths of these flights, more information is needed to plot a clearer and more comprehensive picture of this phenomenon. With this in mind we shall again this year, seek as much information as we can gather, and therefore ask any of our members who are in the field on Sunday, May first, that they give what information they may gather to Ed Seeber, 186 Wabash Avenue, Kenmore, N. Y. (Ri.8739) He asks that the following factors be taken into account:

1. The number and names of observers.
2. The number of species of hawks and individuals of each species.
3. Location and the exact time of each observation.
4. Direction of flight.
5. Altitude of flight.
6. Wind velocity and direction and general weather conditions.
7. Absence of hawks in areas where they should be expected.

Ed.

NOTES

Records from Rochester and vicinity for March, as reported by W.L.G.Edson, were highlighted by early records of European Widgeon and Green-Winged Teal, during the week ending on the 11th. The following week Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Killdeer, Migrant Shrike and Bronzed Grackle were reported, and on the 20th, at Shore Acres, a hawk migration, totalling 314 individuals of 12 species was recorded, the birds heading inland from the Lake Ontario shore. Among these hawks were one Duck Hawk, two Bald Eagles and one fully mature Golden Eagle, only the second record of this species in Monroe County since 1900. New migrants for the week ending on the 26th included Shoveller, Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture, Kingfisher, Catbird (a wintering bird?), Migrant Shrike, Cowbird and Fox Sparrow. During the last week of the month Great Blue Heron, Osprey, Lesser Yellow-legs, Winter Wren, Mockingbird, Northern Shrike, Evening Grosbeak, Chipping and Field Sparrows were among the spe-

cies observed, while Purple Finches, Redpolls and Pine Siskins were recorded nearly all month. The outstanding record of the month was a lone Magpie, the first record of that species for Monroe County. Could the cyclonic storms of late March in the Southwest have any bearing on the appearance of this bird in Western New York at this season, or is it possibly one of the birds reported in our Buffalo area in recent years?

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, May 11th: Spring Consus Plans by Winston Brocknor, Leader. Bird Pictures by Don Gamble. 8 P. M. Humboldt Room, Museum.

Wednesday, May 25th: Report on Spring Consus by Winston Brocknor, Leader. June Distribution Consus Plans by Bernard Nathan. 8 P.M.Humboldt Room, Museum.

Field Trips

Sunday, May 1st: Hawk Count. Contact Ed. Seeber, Leader (Ri.8739).

Sat. & Sun., May 7-8: Pymatuning, Harold Mitchell, Leader (Vi.2587). Joint trip with Audubon Society. Visit Presque Isle, Erie enroute. Sat. eve. meeting with Pymatuning Group at Linesville, Pa. Leave City Hall, Genesee St. side at 8 A.M. Sat. Return to Buffalo about 9 P.M.Sunday. Make reservations with Mr. Mitchell.

Sunday, May 8th: Leroy, Edward Ulrich, Leader (Pa.8896) Meet 7 A.M. Main & Kenmore Avenues.

Sat.& Sun., May 14-15: Long Point, Ontario. Contact Don Gamble, Leader (Pa.9206) for reservations before MAY 10TH. If you wish to go for Sunday only, contact E. Praemassing, (Vi.3289).

Sunday, May 22nd: Spring Consus, Winston Brocknor, Leader (El.6888)

Week-end May 28-30: New York State Federation of Bird Clubs Meeting, New York City. For information, phone Winston Brocknor (El.6888)

Audubon Program

Wednesday, May 4th, 8 P.M., Humboldt Room, Museum. Homer Brooks,movies of Western trip.

May 7-8 - Week-end Pymatuning trip. See details above.

Saturday, May 14th, 1 P.M.: Canadian Lake Shore. Meet Peace Bridge. Ellen J. Windsor, Leader (Am. 3570)

Week-end May 28-30: Spring meeting N.Y.State Federation of Bird Clubs at New York City. Contact Mr. Mitchell, Vi. 2587, for details.

Sunday, May 29th; 8:30 A. M. Beaver Lake Camp at Bliss, N. Y. Meet Genesee St. side City Hall (Wear old hat & boots) Lunch. Leader R. Roscho (Un.8859)

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April was characterized by variable weather. Temperatures zigzagged up and down across the mean line many times, and neither wet nor dry periods were of long duration. No temperature records were broken and there were no severe storms. It is difficult therefore to relate many of the very early arrival dates listed below to any causal phenomenon in the weather pattern. Of one thing, however, we may be certain - the much greater number of observers in the field as compared with our Society's early years is bound to result in a goodly number of remarkable records during every migration, regardless of weather conditions. Be that as it may, April was a very interesting month bird-wise. Waterfowl made a splendid showing, both in species and in numbers. The 12,000 Canada Geese on Stafford's Pond at Oak Orchard during the early part of the month were scarcely more spectacular than the 5000 Pintail in one field at Holcottsville on the third and fifth, or the 300 Horned Grebe flying upstream, singly and in small groups, from the brink of the Falls on the 21st. If weather conditions brought Rails here so extremely early, why were Grasshopper Sparrows unreported? At least we may take comfort in believing that the mid-summer weather (max. 82 degrees) on the last day of the month was responsible for the influx of warblers which occurred on that day. Less explicable was the record of the Worm-eating Warbler, constituting not only a very early date, but also, we believe, the first specimen taken in Canada.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* - denotes new species for the year.
F - " First record of migration.

Pelbooll's Grebe	Apr. 9	1	Niagara River	Wolfling, Andrle, Gamble
Horned Grebe	" 21	375(300 above Falls; 75 in gorge; 36 dead)		Beardslee, Muma
D.Cr.Cormorant	" 29	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
American Egret	" 22	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
Green Heron	" 17	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	22	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
Whistling Swan	Mar. 21,24	100,58	Oak Orchard Swamp	Beadles
	Apr. 2	7	Grand Island	Lewis
	2	16	Niagara River	Wolfling, Andrle, Gamble
	3	1	Silver Creek	Webster, Roscho
	9	1	Niagara River	Axtells & Class

Whistling Swan (Cont.)	Apr.13,17-21	3,1	Randolph	Sundolls, Eldorkins
	17	1	Pt.Colbourne, Ont.	Axtolls
	20	1	Cassadaga Lake	Stanleys
Canada Goose	Max. of 12,000 present at Oak Orchard Swamp Apr. 5-19, seen by many observers. Still several thousand there at month's end. Small groups seen in many other locations.			
L.Snow Goose	One or two individuals observed in Oak Orchard Swamp area from March 21st - April 24th			
Blue Goose	Mar.30,Apr.2,4	14,3,7	Oak Orchard Swamp	Beadles
Gadwall	Apr. 3	2	South Dayton	Roscho, Webster
	24,30	2	Riverside Marsh	Lonna, Sundolls
*European Widgeon	Apr. 23	1	" "	Lonna
	24	1	Dunville, Ont.	Axtolls
*European Teal	Apr. 21,22	1	Ling Road,Rochester-Chapin,Klonick,Taylor,Benson	
Shoveler	Apr. 4	8	Celeron	Lonna, Eldorkins
	5,10	2,7	Oak Orchard Swamp	Beardslee, Andrle
Ring-necked Duck	Apr. 17	130 max.	Canadian Shore,L.Erie-Axtolls	
E.Harlequin Duck	Apr. 14	1	Niagara River	Muma
King Eider	Apr. 3	2	Grand Is.	Axtolls & Class
White-w. Scoter	Apr. 17,24	2,1	Canadian Shore,L.Erie	Axtolls
	18	1	Niagara River	Knight,Rosa,Webster
	21	15	Above Falls	Beardslee, Muma
	25	7	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Axtell
American Scoter	Mar. 27	1	Niagara Gorge	Nathan et al
Ruddy Duck	Apr. 1-20	14 max.	Dunkirk	Stanley
	3	3	Grand Is.	Axtolls & Class
	8-23	20 max.	Cassadaga Lake	Stanley, Eldorkins
	15,24	8	Stafford's Pond	Mitchell,Roscho et al
	17	25 max.	Dunnville,Ont.	Axtolls
	24	5	Lilydale	B.O.S.Trip
	30	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundolls
Turkey Vulture	Apr. 19	35 max.	Oak Orchard Swamp	Axtolls
	22	47 max.	Bergen, N.Y.	McMurtry
Goshawk	Apr. 17	1	Delaware Pk.	Nathan, Seeber
Sharp-sh. Hawk	Apr. 23	Over 500	Braddocks Bay	G.O.S.Trip
Cooper's Hawk	"	30-2(at nest)	Sturgeon Pt.	Axtolls
*Broad-w. Hawk	Apr. 23	3000	Braddocks Bay	G.O.S.Trip
	24	1	So.Dayton	Nathan,Thorpe,Almendinger
Rough-l.Hawk	Apr. 21	1	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtolls
	23	L 2	near Avon	Gamble,Andrle
	23	1	Braddocks Bay	G.O.S. Trip
*Golden Eagle	Apr. 17	3	Braddocks Bay area-Beiber,Wolf,Listman	
Osprey	Records of 14 individuals from Oak Orchard, the Canadian Shore and the southern portions of our territory.			
*Pigeon Hawk	Apr. 12	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Virginia Rail	Apr. 5	1	Stockton	Stanley
	9	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundolls
	21	1	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtolls
Sora Rail	Apr. 23	1	Tifft St.	Roscho
	24	1	Riverside Marsh	Lonna
	24	1	Dunnville,Ont.	Axtolls
	24	1	Tifft St.	Heilborns
*Florida Gallinule	Apr. 21	1	East Aurora	Roscho
*Upland Plover	Apr. 21	2	Cassadaga	Stanleys & Cobbs
*Solitary Sandpiper	Apr. 30	1	Tifft St.	Andrle, Gamble
	30	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundolls
*Spotted Sandpiper	Apr. 22	1	Forest Lawn	Axtolls
*Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 1	1	Frewsburg	Sundolls
*Lesser " "	Apr. 21	4	Randolph	Eldorkins
*Pectoral Sandpiper	Apr. 9	1	Corfu Sinks	Mitchell,Nathan,Almendinger

Iceland Gull	Apr.	4	2	Forest Lawn	Andrle
Little Gull	Apr.	10 F	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Elderkins
*Common Tern	Apr.	16	3	Fuhrman Blvd.	Mitchell, Seeber, et al
*Caspian Tern	Apr.	23	2	Buffalo Harbor	A.J.Wright, et al
		23	2	Burntship Creek	Andrle, Gamble
Barn Owl	Apr.	9,15	1	Grand Island	Axtells & Class
*Whip-poor-will	Apr.	24	1	Larkin Estate	Windsor, Graham
*Chimney Swift	Apr.	14	1	Batavia	Pixley
		26-30	14 max.	Frewsburg	Sundell, Lenna, Powers
*Crested Flycatcher	Apr.	30	1	Cassadaga	Stanley et al
*Bank Swallow	Apr.	21	31	Falconer	Lenna
*Rough-w. "		22	8	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
*Barn "		17	7	Canadian Shore	Axtells
*Cliff "		22	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
No.Horned Lark	Apr.	17	2	Jamestown	Lenna
*Magpie	Mar.	20	1	Braddocks Bay	Listman
*House Wren	Apr.	27	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
*Prairie Marsh Wren	Apr.	27	2	Tifft St.	Moore, Webster
*Brown Thrasher	Apr.	17	1	Jamestown	Hiller
*Veery	Apr.	30	1	Irving	Andrle, Gamble
*Bl.-Gr.Gnatcatcher	Apr.	27	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
		27	1	South Park	Brockner
Pipit	Apr.	16	1	Grand Is.	Seeber, Weldman et al
		17	10	Jamestown	Lenna
		24	100	Hamlet	B.O.S. Trip
		28	2	Jamestown	Elderkins
*Blue-headed Vireo	Apr.	17	1	Batavia	Escholmans, Avery
		21	1	Forest Lawn	Almendinger
*Warbling Vireo	Apr.	30	1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
*Worm-eating Warbler	Apr.	24,25	1(collected)	Morgans Pt., Ont.	Axtells
*Black & Wht. "	Apr.	30	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
		30	1	Niagara Falls	Koch
		30	2	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtells
Yellow Warbler	Apr.	26	1	Jamestown	Lenna
*Cape May "		30	1	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtells
*Bl.-thr.Blue Warbler		30	1	Batavia	Pixley
*Myrtle "		16	2	Forest Lawn	Seeber, Weldman et al
*Blk.Thr.Green "		27	1	" "	Almendinger
*Pine "		17	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Axtells
		27	1	Forest Lawn	Almendinger
		27	2	Jamestown	Elderkins
*W.Palm "		27	1	Fredonia	Stanley, Knauer, Highland
*No.Waterthrush		30	1	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtells
		30	5	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
		30	12	Fluvanna	Lenna
*La. "		30	1	Fredonia	Stanley et al
*No.Yellow-throat		29	1	"	Stanley, Goodrich
*Redstart		30	3	Fluvanna	Lenna
*Bobolink		27	1	Jamestown	Beal
		27	1	So.Dayton	Rep.Webster
Pine Siskin		30	6	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtells
White-w.Crossbill		21	4	Alleghany St.Pk.	Hiller, Parker, et al
*Rose-breasted Grosbeak		27	2	Forest Lawn	Almendinger
Towhee		2	1	Navy Island	Wolfling, Gamble, Andrle
*Savannah Sparrow	Apr.	1	10	Frewsburg	Sundells
*Henslows "		21	1	Grand Island	Beardslee
		30	2	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtells
		30	1	Pt.Gratiot	Stanley et al
		30	1	So.Dayton	Webster
*White-cr.Sparrow		28	1	Castile	Thompson

Fox Sparrow — A total of 21 individuals reported from various localities, Delaware Park, Morgans Pt., Rockhouse Pt., Lake Shore Road, Oak Orchard, LaSalle, Jamestown, South Dayton, Wellsville and Bliss, N. Y.

Lapland Longspur — Apr. 25 1 Morgans Pt., Ont. Axtell

New species for the month - 61

Previous total 124 (this includes the Saw-whet Owl, which should have been marked with an asterisk on earlier report)

New total 185

Last year's total 161

SPRING DUCK CENSUS - APRIL 3, 1949 - 115 Species
66,910 Individuals

TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS AS FOLLOWS:

A - Canadian side Niagara River from Ft. Erie to Niagara Falls -Savage, Almendinger
B - Canadian side Niagara River from Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario to Welland Canal & inland - Wilson, Brown, Cohen, Higby
C - Canadian side Lake Erie from Ft. Erie to Pt. Colborne inland-Gamble, Seeber, Wolfling
D - Canadian side Lake Erie from Pt. Colborne to Grand River and Mud Lake - Nathan, Andrle, Thill, Drobits, Hermes
E - Grand Island, north of Whitehaven Rd.- Dr. & Mrs. Axtell, Clara Hill, Wm. Meyer, D. Hodges, D. Dinsmore, E. Dinsmore, D. Brettle, A. Bacon, R. Griffin, Mrs. E. Griffin, D. Griffin
F - Grand Island so. of Whitehaven Rd.-Vaughan, B. Allen, Windsor, Mr. & Mrs. Cummisky
G - American Side Niag. River, Bird Island, Squaw Island, Whitehaven Cemetery to Niagara Falls - K. & E. Praemassing, R. Facklam, M. Rosa
H - Niagara Falls, Youngstown, Wilson Trianglo & Bond Lake-Mr. & Mrs. Heilborn, Betty, Julie & Karl
I - American side Lake Erie from Bflo. Harbor, Tifft Farm, to Derby-Mitchell, Dr. Schultz, H. Thorpe, Weldman, Mrs. Dietrich
J - Clarence & Newstead Sinks, Selby, Corfu-Brockners, Tulinoffs, Klabundes.
K - Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, LaSalle Quarry, Lincoln Park, Harris Hill - Marie & Margaret Wendling
L - Allegany State Park, etc. - Escholmans
M - American side Lake Erie from Derby to Dunkirk & inland- Ulrichs
N - Sinking Ponds, Orchard Park Reservoir, Emory Pk. -W. Wild, C. Knox
O - Lime & Java Lake, Sandusky - Creightons & Winships
P - Kent Switch, Silver Creek Reservoir, East Mud Lake-Webster & Reeche
Q - Chestnut Ridge - Verrill
R - Hyde Park, Goat Island - Rogerson
S - Dunkirk, Fredonia, Bear Lake, Cassadaga Lake & surrounding area -Mr. & Mrs. Stanley, T. Schober, B. Polacek, J. Siegel, M. Cobb, G. Thompson, J. Golubski, G. Goodrich, G. Coleman
T - Riverside Marsh, Chautauqua Lake, Barcelona, Clymer, Findley Lake, Levant, Sinclairville, Stillsons & Red Ponds - Sundolls, R. Batey, D. Powers, P. Lenna, G. Simms, C. Parker, Mr. & Mrs. T. Eldorkin, A. Hiller, R. Olson, C. Beal, Dr. A. Rappole
U - Cassadaga to Sinclairville - F. Row
V - Rushford Lake - Guest
W - Wellsville - McMurtry
X - Thompsons Road, Beaver Pond, Silver Lake - Van Arsdale
Y - Batavia - MU Lake, LaGrange, Horseshoe Lake - Pixley, N. Long
Z - Manitou, West Lake Shore to Genesee R. -G.O.S.-Wolf, Listman
ZZ - Oak Orchard - G.O.S.-Klonick et al
YY - Castile - Thompson

Common Loon	11	Mute Swan *		1
Horned Grebe	18	Whistling Swan		64
Pied-billed Grebe	80	Canada Goose		6917
Gr. Blue Heron	95	L. Snow Goose	ZZ	1
B. Cr. Night Heron, E, G, J	34	Blue Goose	ZZ	1
Amer. Bittern *	9	Mallard		244

Black Duck	617
Gadwall P	2
Baldpate	759
Pintail	8745
Green-w. Teal	52
Blue-w. " *	79
Shoveler*- S,T,ZZ	34
Wood Duck	22
Redhead	400
Ring-necked Duck	240
Canvasback	1200
Greater)Scaup Duck	4466
Lesser)	
Amer. Goldeneye	886
Bufflehead	352
Old Squaw	447
King Eider - E,F	2
White-w. Scoter - G	1
Amer. " - G	1
Ruddy Duck	58
Hooded Merganser	53
Amer. "	807
Red-br. "	3191
Turkey Vulture	41
Sharp-sh. Hawk - S,ZZ	2
Cooper's " - R,T	2
Red-tailed "	27
Red-shouldered Hawk	20
Rough-legged " -E,M	2
Marsh Hawk	57
Osprey * - S,ZZ	2
Sparrow Hawk	76
Ruffed Grouse - Q,U,V	7
Ring-n. Pheasant	175
Virginia Rail - S,T,ZZ	3
Sora * - T	1
Coot	175
Killdeer	272
Woodcock	6
Wilson's Snipe	22
Greater Yellow-legs-G,T,ZZ	4
Glaucous Gull - C,D	2
Iceland Gull - F,I	3
Gt.Black-b. Gull - C,D,F,M	6
Herring Gull	1896
Ring-b. "	1241
Bonaparte's Gull	3279
Mourning Dove	174
Rock Dove	6
Screech Owl - E	1
Gr. Horned Owl - C,D	2
Barred Owl - T	2

Long-eared Owl - D	1
Belted Kingfisher	48
Flicker	62
Pileated Woodpecker - Q	1
Red-headed Woodpecker - F, H, T	3
Yellow-b. Sapsucker * - D	1
Hairy Woodpecker	22
Downy "	76
Phoebe	92
Prairie Horned Lark	71
Tree Swallow *	129
Purple Martin - P, T	2
Blue Jay	39
Crow	910
Black-c. Chickadee	183
Tufted Titmouse - I	3
White-br. Nuthatch	35
Red-br. " - I	1
Brown Creeper	22
Winter Wren - C,H,K,Q	4
Robin	2977
Hermit Thrush - K, T	2
Bluebird	219
Golden-Cr.Kinglet	44
Ruby-Cr. " * - O	2
Pipit * - B, E, O	72
Cedar Waxwing - I	2
Northern Shrike - S	1
Migrant " - N, O	2
Starling	9870
English Sparrow	1369
Meadowlark	362
Redwing	5798
Rusty Blackbird	210
Bronzed Grackle	1175
Cowbird	919
Cardinal	37
Purple Finch - C, N, R	5
Common Redpoll - S	500
Goldfinch - C, R, T	35
Red-eyed Towhee - C	1
Savannah Sparrow - E, S, T, ZZ	16
Vesper "	64
Slate-Col. Junco	713
Tree Sparrow	607
Chipping Sparrow * - ZZ	1
Field "	25
Wh.-thr. Sparrow - Y	1
Fox Sparrow	15
Swamp "	21
Song "	2735

The temperature ranged from near freezing in the early morning to about 45° later in the morning and afternoon. Most of the territories reported clear skies early in the day and pretty cloudy in the latter part. Batavia and Rushford reported cloudy and cold weather most of the day. Oak Orchard, Clarence and the Wilson-Youngstown areas reported clear weather most of the day. The wind was of a very slight to moderate velocity, west to northwest.

From information available for the past ten years, it seems that the duck population is on the increase. This year's figure of 29,761 ducks approached last year's record count of 32,166. The next previous high was 27,650 in 1943 which seems remarkable in that it was a war year when travel was restricted. Interest was expressed for a comparison of recent duck counts. In 1939 there were 18,726; 1940 - 11,525; 1941 - 19,453; 1942 - 15,870; 1943 - 27,650; 1944 - 15,185; 1945 - 11,358; 1946 - 14,376; 1947 - 6202. It must be remembered that 1947 had a cold spring with all ponds frozen solid.

Canada Geese were in numbers comparable to most previous years. Another small flock of 32 Black-crowned Night Herons was seen in a woods off the River Road where they've been seen on several other consuses. Pintail seem definitely on the increase, topping last year's high by 2000 individuals. Both the wintering ducks and the early migrant ducks show an increase in numbers, notably the Teals, Shovellers, Wood Duck, Redhead, Scaup, Canvasback, Bufflehead, Old-squaw and Ruddy Duck. For the first time, at least since 1939, we have reported an American Scoter, found at the Falls. A White-winged Scoter, seen on two previous consuses, also kept company with the American Scoter. King Eiders were observed only once before - in 1941. A Blue Goose and our first spring consus record of a Snow Goose were reported from Oak Orchard.

Preceding any previous first record by at least five days were three Virginia Rails - one from Oak Orchard, one from the Dunkirk area, and one from the Jamestown area. An Osprey from Oak Orchard and one from Dunkirk area also seem worth mentioning. Bald Eagles were unaccountably not reported.

One Iceland Gull was seen off Grand Island and two off the American shore. The Larkin Estate at Derby still harbors the three titmice and one red-breasted nuthatch it fed and protected all winter. A flock of 65 Pipits by Creighton seems remarkable in that they've only been seen once before on the consus in the past ten years. A Northern Shrike at Dunkirk is also a first record for our consus.

The White-throated Sparrow was reported singing at Batavia. Practically all the land birds show notable increases.

The success of the consus was made possible only by the almost complete coverage of our territory which gives us our comparative figures for the past years and the years to come, so to all the members and friends both near and far go my many thanks for their energy, effort and co-operation.

Cyril Wolfling

Notes

Records from Rochester and vicinity as reported by W.L.G. Edson, for the first week of April, were featured by a European Teal, the first record for Monroe County. Other birds reported included Ruddy Duck, Virginia Rail, Florida Gallinule, Tree Sparrow, Mockingbird, Pipit and a late Snow Bunting record. During the following week new migrants included Shoveller, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Purple Martin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warbler and an unprecedented early report of a Lincoln's Sparrow. Double-crested Cormorant, Brant, Golden Eagle, Upland Plover, Bank and Barn Swallows, an unusually early Veery and a very late Northern Shrike were among the species reported for the week ending April 22nd. New migrants for the last wdek of April included Green Heron, Solitary and Pectoral Sandpipers, Common Tern, Crested Flycatcher, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Palm Warbler and Northern Water-thrush.

We learned from Allan Klonick that on Saturday, April 23rd, while the G.O.S. were entertaining Maurice and Irma Brown and Mr. Broley, they observed an unusually fine hawk flight in the Braddock's Bay area. This flight included over 3000 broad-winged, 500 sharp-shins, with a mixture of red-tails, rough-legged, Cooper's and Marsh Hawks, together with three Bald Eagles, 50 Black-crowned Night Herons and over 200 Flickers.

M. Broun said that the flight compared with any of the Fall Hawk Mountain flights.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, June 8th: - Old Fort Erie, Ont. 6 P. M. Picnic Supper Meeting

Wednesday, June 22nd: - Como Park, 6 P. M. Picnic Supper Meeting.

Field Trips

Sunday, June 5th: Balsam Bog, Freedom, N. Y. Robt. Andrle, Leader (Pa. 1914)

Saturday, June 11th: Out-door Picnic Supper and Field Trip at Chestnut Ridge Park for the A.O.U. Meeting Fund. Meet at the Administration Building at 2 P.M. for the field trip and at 6 P.M. for the supper. Adults $1.00, children 50¢. Help the success of this venture by attending and notifying the Chairman, Kathryn Praemassing (Vi 2389)

Sunday, June 12th: Frewsburg & Riverside Marsh area - H. D. Mitchell, & R. Sundell, Leaders. (Vi. 2587) Meet at Lehigh Valley Station Parking Area, Lower Main Street, at 7 A. M.

Sunday, June 19th: June Distribution Census, Bernard Nathan, Leader. (Gr.8020)

Week-End July 2-3-4: Huntsville, Ont. B.Nathan (Gr.8020) and James Baillie, Toronto, Leaders.

Sunday, July 24th: - Canadian Lake Shore, Wm. Almendinger, Leader. Meet 7:30 A. M. at Peace Bridge.

Audubon Program

Wednesday, June 1st: 6 P.M. Outdoor Meeting, Ellicott Creek Island Park. Meet Main & Niagara Falls Blvd. Take picnic supper.

Sunday, June 12th: 9 A. M. Lyndonville, N.Y. to visit Mr.W.A.Smith's Sanctuary. Meet Main City Line & Kenmore Ave. Sarah Knight, Leader (Gr. 6635)

Saturday, June 25th, 1:30 P.M.: - Tifft St. Meet Genesee St.side City Hall. Leaders, Mrs. Broadbent (El.0280) and Miss Nowacki.

Wednesday, July 6th, 6 P.M.: Outdoor Meeting Beaver Island Park, Grand Island. Meet Delaware corner Hertel. Take picnic supper & bathing suit.

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The Month

"Spring got everything in tune, and gave one leap from April into June". It almost seemed that Lowell wrote this about 1949, for the first eighteen days of May were like mid-summer, with one warm, rainless day after another. The rest of the month brought considerable rain, and the last week was very cool. The Warbler migration was noticeably thin, - somewhat accelerated in respect to arrival dates, on account of the unseasonably warm weather, but thin every day, with no waves whatever until the 28th and 29th, when large numbers passed through. The month probably was a disappointment to many observers, but the very fact that of the first twenty-seven days of the month there was not one when the observer was able to pry Warblers out without a crow-bar, is in itself unusual, significant, and interesting. Actually the wave of the 28th and 29th took place during a decidedly cold period which started on the 24th; apparently the late migrants decided that, whatever the weather, it was time to get to their breeding grounds. There was a good migration of shore birds, excepting Black-bellied Plover, and a truly remarkable flight of hawks on the first (cf. below). But now that we have seen this kind of May, let's have the old-fashioned kind next year.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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F -- " First record of migration.
L -- " Last " " "

*Red-Throated Loon	May 1	1	Lake Ontario	Pixley
Holboell's Grebe	" 8	3	Niagara River	Andrle
Horned Grebe	" 15	1	Riverside Marsh	Lenna
	" 15	6	N iagara Gorge	Koch
D.-Cr.Cormorant	" 13	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
*Least Bittern	" 3	1	" "	Andrle
	" 14	1	" "	Griffin
Whistling Swan	Throughout	1	Castile	Thompson
Gadwall	May 1	2	Dunnville, Ont.	Axtell & Class
Baldpate	" 21	4	" "	" , Nathan & Seeber
Pintail	" 7	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle
Green-w.Teal	" 1 L	2	Riverside Marsh	Lenna

Shovelor	May 7	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundoll
Redhead	May 12,18,21,	23-1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, Koch, Axtell
Ring-necked Duck	" 1 L	1	Grand Island	Klabundes
Greater Scaup	" 1 L	15	Canadian Shore	Axtell & Class
Lesser "	" 24	35	Hamlin Beach	Axtell, Andrle
Bufflehead	" 8 L	6	N iagara River	Klabundes
Old Squaw	" 1	250	max. Canadian Shore L.E.	-Axtell & Class
King Eider	" 8	1	Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
Wht.wg.Scoter	" 5	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 12 L	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
Ruddy Duck	" 7-15	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundell, Eldorkins, Lonna
	" 12	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
Amer. Merganser	" 9-12	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 12	46	Lake Shore Road	Axtell
Broad-w. Hawk	" 4	2	Jamestown	Powers
Bald Eagle	" 24	2	Hamlin Beach	Axtell, Andrle
	" 15	2	Canadian Shore L.E.	Brecknor, Roses
Osprey	" 1,15	1	Riverside Marsh	Lonna
	" 3	1	Frewsburg	rep. Sundell
	" 4	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	" 21	1	Burntship Creek	Klabundes
*Semi-palm.Plover	" 21,28	40,30	Dunnville, Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, Seeber
*Ruddy Turnstone	" 21	2,3	Dunnville, Morgans Pt.,	Ont.- ditto
	" 28	3	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan
Wilson's Snipe	" 15	1	Randolph	Lonna
Hudsonian Curlew	" 24	35	over Forest Lawn	Nathan
*W.rumped Sandpiper	" 21,28	4,3	Dunnville, Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, Seeber
*Least "	" 21	3	Burntship Creek	Klabundes
	" 28	15	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan
*Red-backed "	" 21	3	Burntship Creek	Klabundes
	" 21,28	-50,200	Dunnville, Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, Seeber
Semi-pm.Sandpiper	" 28,29	15	Barcelona	Lonna, Eldorkins
*Sanderling	" 28,29	12	"	" "
Glaucous Gull	" 7 L	2	Port Weller, Ont.	Andrle, Gamble
*Black Tern	" 8	5	Tifft St.	Thorpe, Nathan, Seeber
*Yellow-b.Cuckoo	" 12	1	" "	Almendinger, Wright
	" 17	1	Taylor Hollow	Axtell, Bacon, Melberg, Griffin
*Black-b. Cuckoo	" 7	1	Forest Lawn	Rosa
Screech Owl	" 4	1	LaSalle	Heilberns
	" 3-7	1	Delaware Pk.	Hickmans et al
Barred Owl	" 8	1	Gowanda	Thorpe, Nathan, Seeber
*Nighthawk	" 5	3	Jamestown	Sundell
	" 15-17	General influx		
*Hummingbird	" 14	4	Jamestown	Parker
	" 23	10	At Feeders-Ridgeville,	Ont.-Selby
	" 29	5	Forest Lawn	Nathan
Pileated Woodpecker	" 12	1	Jamestown	Lonna
	" 28-30	1	Letchworth Park	Klabundes
Red-bellied Woodpkr.	" 30	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Facklam
	Throughout	1-2	LeRoy	Hazelton
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	May 14	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 29	1	Bliss, N. Y.	Tilley, Roscho
*Kingbird	" 1	1	South Dayton	Webster
	" 1	1	Clymer	Eldorkins
*Yellow-b.Flycatcher	" 20,23	2,1	Delaware Pk.	Axtells
*Acadian Flycatcher	" 18	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
*Alder "	" 7	1	Riverside Marsh	Sundell
	" 28 L	1	Forest Lawn	Nathan
*Least "	" 3,5	1,3	Frewsburg	Sundells
	" 5	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell

*Wood Pewee	May 7	1	Forest Lawn	McCann
	" 20	General Influx		
*Parula Warbler	" 9,10	1	Jamestown	Sundell, Lonna
	" 10	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
	" 11,12	Influx		
*Magnolia Warbler	" 5	1	North LeRoy	Pixley
	" 11,14	8,21,24 -periods of influx		
	" 30 L	1	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan
Cape May W.	May 2	2	Forest Lawn	Seeber
	" 3	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
	" 29 L	1	Devils Hole	Koch
Bl.-thr.Blue W.	" 7	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 10-12	General Influx		
	" 29 L	1	Forest Lawn	Nathan
Myrtle Warbler	" 27 L	1	" "	"
Bl.-thr.Green W.	" 29 L	1	" "	"
*Cerulean Warbler	" 5	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 16	1	Forest Lawn	Seeber
	" 17	2	Taylor Hollow	Axtell et al
*Blackburnian W.	" 2	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
	" 4	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtells
	" 29 L	1	Forest Lawn	Nathan
*Chestnut-s. W.	" 5	1	North LeRoy	Pixley
	" 10-14 and 21-24 -two periods of influx			
*Bay-br.W.	" 7	1	Long Beach, Ont.	Andrle
	" 29 L	1	Forest Lawn	Nathan
*Black-Poll W.	" 8	1	" "	Brockner, Tulinoffs
	" 11	1	Jamestown	Miller
	" 27-29	Wave-Most common dates		
	" 30 L	1-	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan
W. Palm Warbler	" 1	1	Morgans Point, Ont.	Axtell
*Yellow Palm W.	" 5	1	Buckhorn Is.	Seeber
*Ovenbird	" 2	1	Forest Lawn	Seeber
*Kentucky Warbler	" 5,6	1	" "	Axtells, Andrle et al
*Mourning Warbler	" 9	2	Versailles	Thorpe, Nathan, Seeber
	" 30 L	3	Forest Lawn	Nathan
*Yellow-br.Chat	" 17	1	Taylor Hollow	Axtell et al
	" 22	1	Horseshoe Lake	Pixley
	"28-30	1	Letchworth Pk.	Klabundes
*Hooded Warbler	" 11	1	Forest Lawn	Axtell
*Wilsons Warbler	" 11	1	" "	"
	" 11	1	Jamestown	Elderkins
	" 29	12	Del.Pk. & Forest Lawn	Nathan
	" 30 L	3	Buckhorn Is.	"
*Canada Warbler	" 7	3	Riverside	Sundell
*Olive-sided Flyc.	May 16	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtell, & Class
	" 29	1	Jamestown	Lonna
Cliff Swallow	" 28	8	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Nathan
	" 29	30 max.	South Dayton	Webster
	" 30 L	1	Grand Is.	Nathan
Tufted Titmouse	May 1	1	Forest Lawn	Brockner
	" 6	1	Delaware Pk.	Knight
	" 6	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
Red-br.Nuthatch	" 12 L	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
Brown Creeper	" 21	3	Navy Island	Klabundes
Short-b.M.Wren	" 8	2	Frewsburg	Sundell
Catbird	" 1	1	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Hermit Thrush	" 1	2	" "	"
Hermit Thrush	" 14 L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Mitchell

*Olive-b. Thrush	May 2	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 3	1	Forest Lawn	Axtell
	" 20	25	Delaware Pk.& Forest Lawn - Axtells	
	" 29	50	" " " "	Nathan
*Gray-ch.Thrush	" 3-9	1	Jamestown	Lonna, Powers
	" 29 L	4	Forest Lawn	Nathan
Bl.Gr.Gnatcatcher	" 1	1,3	Delaware Pk., Barcelona	Seeber, Ulrichs, Vorrills
	" 6	2	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 12	1	Lake Shore Rd.	Axtell
	" 17	2	Taylor Hollow	Axtell, Bacon, Molberg, Griffin
Golden-cr.Kinglet	" 17 L	1	Hamburg	ditto
Pipit	" 1	35	South Dayton	Webster
	" 12	2	Lake Shore Road	Axtell
	" 16	30	E. Eden	Bacon, Molberg, Griffin
Migrant Shrike	" 1	1	Dunkirk	Mitchell et al
*White-eyed Vireo	" 5-8	1	Forest Lawn, Del.Pk.	Axtells et al, Brockner, Tulinoffs
*Yellow-thr. Vireo	" 4	1	Jamestown	Beal
*Red-eyed "	" 6	1	Delaware Pk.	Seeber
	" 21	General Influx, wave on 27-29		
*Philadelphia Vireo	" 7	1	Riverside	Sundell
	" 15	1	Jamestown	Lonna
	" 19	1	Tifft St.	Axtell
	" 21	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Axtell, Nathan, Seeber
	" 29 L	2	Delaware Pk.& Forest Lawn - Nathan	
*Golden-w. Warbler	" 7	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 15	5	Bone Run	Lonna
	" 17	1	Taylor Hollow	Axtell et al
	" 28-30	2	Letchworth Park	Klabundes
*Blue-w. Warbler	" 9	8	Versailles	Thorpe, Nathan, Seeber
	" 10	1	Jamestown	Eldorkins
	" 17	1	Taylor Hollow	Axtell et al
	" 28-30	2	Letchworth Pk.	Klabundes
*Tennessee W.	" 4	1	North LeRoy	Pixley
	" 4	1,1	Delaware Park	Axtells, Mitchell
	" 7-22	an unusually good migration		
	" 30 L	1	Devils Hole	Koch
*Orange Cr. W.	" 5	1	Forest Lawn	Axtells
	" 6	1	Tifft St.	Andrle, Seeber et al
	" 6	2	Forest Lawn	Andrle et al
*Nashville W.	" 1	1	Batavia	Pixley
	" 2-6	general influx		
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
	" [illegible]	[illegible]		
*Orchard Oriole	May 15	2	Long Beach, Ont.	Brockner, Rosas
	" 21	15	Canadian Shore	Axtells, Nathan, Seeber
*Baltimore Oriole	" 1,2	1	Jamestown	Lonna, Beal
	" 5-8	General Influx		
*Scarlet Tanager	" 3,9	1,3	Jamestown	Eldorkins, Lonna, Powers
	" 10	General influx		
*Summer Tanager	" 3	1 male	Castile	Thompson
Rose-br. Grosbeak	May 9-14	General influx		
*Blue Grosbeak	" 9-10	1	LaSalle	Heilborns
*Indigo Bunting	" 5	1	Delaware Pk.	Axtells
	" 8	1	Maple Springs	Parker
Evening Grosbeak	Apr. 30	2	Ridgeville, Ont.	Miss L. M. Biggar
	May 3 L	1	South Park	Brockner

Pine Siskin	May 7,9	60,1	Jamestown	Lenna, Powers
	" 8-10	12 max.	Devils Hole	Koch
	"" 12	2	Lake Shore Road	Axtell
	" 16 L	20	E.Eden & Hamburg Com.	Bacon,Molborg,Griffin
*Grasshopper Sparrow	May 1	2	South Dayton	Webster
	" 1	4	Willoughby Marsh,Ont.	Seeber, et al
	" 1	1	Portland	Wright et al
Tree Sparrow	" 1 L	1	Canadian Shore	Axtell
Wht-cr.Sparrow	" 29	1	Devils Hole	Koch
	" 29	2	South Dayton	Webster
	" 30 L	1	Buckhorn Is.	Nathan
Wht.Thr.Sparrow	" 26 L	2	Tifft St.	Axtell
Fox Sparrow	Apr. 30 L	1	So. Dayton	Webster
*Lincoln's Sparrow	May 5	1	Tifft St.	Mitchell
	" 8	1	Forest Lawn	Brocknor,Tulinoffs
	" 11 -19	15	Tifft St.	Axtell,Andrle et al
	" 14	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Mitchell et al
	" 20	1	Delaware Park	Axtells

April total - 184
New for May 62
Total 5 Mos. - 246

RESULTS OF HAWK COUNT ON MAY 1, 1949.

	No.	Observers	Location
Turkey Vulture	1	Mitchell et al	Portland, N. Y.
Goshawk (L)	1	" " "	" "
Sharp-shinned Hawk	459	total of All parties	
Cooper's Hawk	12	" " "	
Red-tailed Hawk	34	" " "	
Red-shouldered Hawk	19	" " "	
Broad-w. "	2204	Mostly from Braddock's Bay area	
Rough-w. Hawk	11	Listman et al	Braddock's Bay
Golden Eagle	2	(1 - Mitchell et al	Portland, N. Y.
		(1 - Nathan et al	Port Weller, Ont.
Bald Eagles	18	Total - all parties	
Marsh Hawk	16	" " "	
Osprey	9	" " "	
*Duck Hawk	1	Nathan et al	Port Weller, Ont.

No. of species - 13; Individuals - 2,799

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SPRING CENSUS

May 22, 1949.

Territories and Observers:

A Canadian Side of Niagara River, Fort Erie to Niagara Falls, Ont.-Savage,Almendinger
B Niagara Falls, Ont., to Niagara-on-The-Lake to Port Weller and inland territory to the south of Port Weller - Beardslee, Verrill
C Mud Lake, Ont. Savage, Almendinger
D Dunnville Marsh and Grand River, Ont. Axtell,Drobits,Nathan
E Canadian Shore,Lake Erie; Port Colborne to Port Maitland-Mitchell,Hickmans,Mrs. Kelly, Mrs.Mansfield,Miss Moore, Elberg
F Canadian Shore,Lake Erie; Fort Erie to Port Colborne-E.Ulrich,Brown
G Grand Island: North End Knight,Facklam,A.Stanley,Rosa
H Grand Island: South End Emerson, Bill
I East side of Niagara River,Centennial Park to Rainbow Bridge at Niagara Falls - McCanns
J Bonds Lake,Rumsey Ridge,Fort Niagara,Youngstown Cemetery,Wilson Cemetery,Olcott-Klabundes,Bishop, McVean

K	Olcott Beach, Newfane, Hamlin Beach, Brockport	- Brockner, Tulineffs
L	South Shore of Lake Erie, Tifft St., Buffalo to Irving	- Wright
M	South Shore of Lake Erie, Irving to Pennsylvania State Line, Findlay Lake, Clymer-Seeber, Cummiskeys	
N	Dunkirk, Fredonia, Bear Lake and Cassadaga Lake	- W. Stanleys, Polacek, Schober, Siegel and Goodrich
O	Langford, Taylor Hollow, Versailles, Gowanda	Wolfling
P	South Dayton, Conewango Valley, Kent Switch, Cherry Creek, Perrysburg woods	- Webster, Roscho
Q	Delaware Park, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lincoln Park, Whitechapel Cemetery, Williamsville, Harris Hill Woods	Wendlings, Graham
R	Lancaster, N.Y., Ellicott Creek woods, Barton Road Quarry	- Schulz
S	Hamburg, Taylor Hollow Road	Griffins
T	Highland Avenue woods, Hamburg	"
U	Hamburg cemetery, 18 Mile Creek and vicinity	Bacon, Melberg
V	Camp 40 Acres, Farnham and vicinity	Windsor
W	Tonawanda Indian Reservation	Rews, Glick
X	Oak Orchard Swamp	Andrle, Gamble
Y	Buffalo to Silver Lake & Letchworth Park	Vaughan, Woldman
Z	Portageville, south along Genesee River to Wellsville; Lime, Cuba & Crystal Lakes	Vaughan, Woldman
AA	Wellsville to Allegany State Park	Vaughan, Woldman
BB	Wainfleet Marsh, Ontario	Filer
CC	Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties	Somderside, Kratzer
DD	Batavia and vicinity	Pixley
EE	LeRoy and vicinity	Hazelton, Woodward
FF	Jamestown, Sinclairville, Levant, Bone Run, Riverside Marsh, Frewsburg and Chautauqua Lake	- Beal, Parker, Hiller, Elderkins, Powers, Lenna, Sundells
GG	Clarence Sinks, S. Ellicott Creek, Crittenden Road	Tilley, King
HH	Castile	Thompson

Common Loon	11	
Holboell's Grebe	1	K
Horned Grebe	5	
Pied-billed Grebe	26	
Gr. Blue Heron	201	
Green Heron	25	
B. Cr. Night Heron	74	
Amer. Bittern	29	
Least "	10	
Mute Swan	1	N
Whistling Swan	1	HH
Canada Goose	2	X
Mallard	62	
Red. l. & Com. Black Duck	79	
Baldpate	16	
Blue-w. Teal	103	
Shoveler	2	K
Wood Duck	43	
Canvasback	6	
Lesser Scaup Duck	57	
Old-Squaw	18	
Ruddy Duck	3	D
Hooded Merganser	2	
Amer. "	2	
Red. br. "	28	
Turkey Vulture	24	
Sharp-sh. Hawk	13	
Cooper's Hawk	4	

Red-tailed Hawk	6	
Red-Should. "	11	
Bald Eagle	3	D, E, K
Marsh Hawk	47	
Osprey	4	B, J, K
Pigeon Hawk	1	CC
Sparrow Hawk	21	
Ruffed Grouse	5	
Ring-n. Pheasant	165	
Virginia Rail	5	
Sora	8	
Florida Gallinule	60	
Coot	34	
Semi-palm. Plover	35	
Killdeer	318	
Ruddy Turnstone	56	
Woodcock	6	
Wilson's Snipe	4	
*Hudsonian Curlew	63	D, E
Upland Plover	5	
Spotted Sandpiper	142	
Solitary "	16	
Greater Yellow-legs	6	
Yellow-legs	4	
Pectoral Sandpiper	4	
Least "	40	
Red-bkd. "	165	
*Semi-palm. "	122	
Herring Gull	746 (600 in J)	

Ring-b. Gull	373	
Bonaparte's Gull	10	
Common Tern	1229	
Black Tern	216	
Rock Dove	6	
Mourning Dove	271	
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	5	
Black-b. "	12	
Gr. Horned Owl	2	
Barred Owl	5	
Whip-poor-will	1	N
Nighthawk	23	
Chimney Swift	409	
Hummingbird	23	
Belted Kingfisher	47	
Flicker	210	
Pileated Woodpkr.	1	P
Red-bellied "	5	
Red-headed "	25	
Yellow-b.Sapsucker	1	EE
Hairy Woodpecker	8	
Downy "	25	
Kingbird	249	
Crested Flycatcher	133	
Phoebe	104	
Acadian Flycatcher	1	FF
Alder "	24	
Least "	57	
Wood Pewee	110	
Olive-s. Flycatcher	1	T
Prairie Horned Lark	66	
Tree Swallow	299	
Bank Swallow	1106	
Rough-w. Swallow	472	
Barn Swallow	939	
Cliff Swallow	55	
Purple Martin	863	
Blue Jay	32	
Crow	451	
Black-C.Chickadee	51	
White-br.Nuthatch	10	
House Wren	236	
Prairie Marsh Wren	72	
Short-b. " "	21	
Catbird	500	
Brown Thrasher	19	
Robin	2124	
Wood Thrush	224	
Hermit Thrush	2	AA
Olive-b. "	21	
Gray-ch. "	2	Q, R
Veery	144	
Bluebird	127	
Bl.-gr.Gnatcatcher	2	S
Ruby-cr.Kinglet	1	Z
Pipit	42	
Cedar Waxwing	54	
Migrant Shrike	1	N
Starling	3210	

Yellow-thr.Vireo	27	
Blue-headed "	1	M
Red-eyed "	372	
Philadelphia "	1	D in E
Warbling "	36	
Bl.& Wh.Warbler	15	
*Prothonotary Warbler	2	X
Golden-w. "	18	
Blue-w. "	23	
*Brewster's "	"	O, FF
Tennessee "	15	
Orange-cr. "	1	N
Nashville "	8	
Parula "	2	O, EE
Yellow "	1547	
Magnolia "	51	
Cape May "	3	
Bl.thr. Blue "	5	
Myrtle "	4	
Bl.thr. Green "	50	
Cerulean "	14	
Blackburnian "	25	
Chestnut-s. "	77	
Bay-br. "	38	
Blackpoll "	35	
Pine "	2	
W. Palm "	1	CC
Ovenbird	142	
No. Waterthrush	28	
La. "	5	
Mourning Warbler	18	
N. Yellow-throat	263	
Yellow-br. Chat	1	DD
Hooded Warbler	19	
Wilson's "	3	
Canada "	20	
Redstart	398	
English Sparrow	1026	
Bobolink	829	
Meadowlark	419	
Red-wing	2932	
Orchard Oriole	8	E, K, R
Baltimore "	489	
Bronzed Grackle	624	
Cowbird	676	
Scarlet Tanager	58	
Cardinal	43	
Rose-br. Grosbeak	64	
Indigo Bunting	94	
Purple Finch	12	
Goldfinch	1858	
Red-eyed Towhee	63	
Savannah Sparrow	257	
Grasshopper "	41	
Henslow's "	83	
Vesper "	129	
Slate-col. Junco	4	Y, AA, FF
Chipping Sparrow	235	
Field "	170	

White-cr.Sparrow	9		Swamp Sparrow	85
White-thr. "	4	M, Q	Song "	1479

TOTAL - 179 species; 32,645 individuals.

Weather conditions were extremely unfavorable throughout the day for observing birds. Heavy rains fell throughout most of the day in most territories; intermittent rains and threatening weather characterized the weather in the rest of the area. Moderate to strong south and southeast winds were reported by almost all observers for most of the day. Observers uniformly agreed that the weather this year was more unpleasant for observers and more unsatisfactory for observing birds than on any of the Society's previous nineteen spring censuses, including the 1947 spring census which previously had held the record in this respect. It is known that such species as Redhead, Golden-eye, Yellow-b. Flycatcher and Brown Creeper were recorded within one day of the census, but unfortunately were not observed on the census day.

I wish by this note to thank the many observers who covered their territories, despite the unfavorable and unpleasant weather. I want to thank Robert Andrle and Donald Gamble particularly for their able assistance in planning the census and compiling the results.

William C. Vaughan

Notes

Rochester Bird Notes, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, for the month of May, include the following records:

Week ending May 6th: Red-thr. Loon, Gadwall, Pigeon Hawk, Black Tern, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Kingbird, Crested and Least Flycatchers, Short-b. Marsh Wren, Catbird, Wood Thrush, Gnatcatcher, Pipit, Yellow-thr., Blue-h. and Red-eyed Vireos, 22 species of Warblers, Bobolink, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-br. Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting and White-crowned Sparrow.

Week ending May 13th: Pectoral and Least Sandpipers, Glaucous, Iceland and Gt.Black-backed Gulls, Pileated Woodpecker, Wood Peewee, Red-br. Nuthatch, Olive-b. Thrush, 24 species of Warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Pine Siskin and late records of Tree and Fox Sparrows.

Week ending May 20th: American Egret (first May record), Whistling Swan, Canada Geese, Snow Goose, Brant, Green-w. Teal, Bufflehead, Amer. Merganser, 14 species Vultures and Hawks, including Golden Eagle and Duck Hawk, semi-palm. Plover, Red-backed Sandpiper, Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Caspian Tern, Yellow-b. and Black-b. Cuckoos, Nighthawk, Hummingbird, Bicknell's Thrush, Philadelphia Vireo, 27 species of Warblers, including Connecticut Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, Lincoln's Sparrow and a very unusual record of Snow Bunting.

Week ending May 27th: D.-cr.Cormorant, Shoveller, Ring-necked Duck, A very late Rough-legged Hawk, Osprey, Ruddy Turnstone, Hudsonian Curlew, Iceland Gull, Alder Flycatcher, Tufted Titmouse, Gray-cheeked and Bicknell's Thrush and 22 species of Warblers.

At Elk Lake at 2000 ft. elevation at the southern gateway to the Adirondacks Peaks, there will be a nature study camp this summer with sessions from July 3-17 and 17-31. The emphasis will be on birds. For information address Charles N. Rogers, Princeton Museum of Zoology, Princeton, N. J.

On May 15th Philip Lenna and Don Powers observed a bird in Riverside Marsh, south of Frewsburg which may have been a Cory's Least Bittern. They flushed the bird and saw it in flight, but could not again locate it. Inasmuch as it is such an extremely

rare bird, and as it was not seen except when in flight and therefore could not be closely studied, the record must await verification. Several trips have been made to the same area, and several Least Bitterns have been seen, at least one of which showed rather dark brown streaking, considerably darker than the other Least Bitterns, but it did not have the solid chestnut areas that are characteristic of the Cory's color phase.

On the day of our Spring Consus, May 22nd, Mr. Winston Brocknor and Mr. A. V. Tulinoff observed a small loon off Hamlin Beach State Park on Lake Ontario. It had many characteristics that led both observers to suspect it to be a Pacific Loon. However, the rainy weather and poor visibility made it impossible to identify the bird with absolute certainty.

H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trips

Sunday, July 24th: Canadian Lake Shore, Wm. Almendinger, Leader. Meet 7:30 A. M. at Peace Bridge.

Sunday, August 7th: Shore Bird Count in conjunction with Hamilton. Edward Seeber, Leader. Phone for assignment of area, etc. (Ri. 8739)

Sunday, August 21st: Trip for Egrets. A. J. Wright II, Leader. Contact B. Nathan, (Gr. 8020)

Audubon Program

Wednesday, July 6th, 6 P.M. Outdoor meeting Beaver Island Park, Meet Delaware & Hertel Ave. Take supper.

Week-end July 16-17: Allegany State Park, Dr. & Mrs. Eschelman, Leaders. (Un.5091)

Wednesday, August 3: 6 PM. Picnic Meeting Como Park. Meet end of Broadway car line, Broadway and Wagner St. Take supper.

Sunday, August 14th, 8:30 A.M. Canadian Shore. Meet Peace Bridge. Francis Tilley, Leader (Su. 4835).

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Anyone who is still able to point may do so with pride to the fact that he survived June of 1949. It was so hot the last ninsteen days (eleven degrees above normal for that period) that we are apt to look back at th e month with memories only of its extreme heat. Actually, it turned out to be only a tiny fraction cooler than the warmest June recorded in Buffalo (1919),and had it not been for the 8th and 9th days of the month,it would have set a new record However,on those two days a short cool snap resulted not only in low records being set,but in a killing frost on the 8th,by far the latest ever to occur here. The precipitation at the airport (1.17 inches total) was abnormally low,but throughout most of western New York there probably was still less. and the frost, the heat,and the drought were serious serious threats to most crops. There was little in the weather pattern to affect bird life,but several items of interest were reported. The eider present all month at the Maid-of-the mist landing provided an unprecedented record,but otherwise little of interest was seen except on the group field trips. These disclosed further incursions of southern species into our territory. One of the trips is reported in detail below,while the nesting survey of June 19 will appear in a later issue.

C.S.Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Amer. Egret	June 30	3	Castile,N.Y.	Thompson
Least Bittern	22	1	West Mud Lake	Stanleys
Whistling Swan	21	1	Castile	Thompson
Baldpate	5	2	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Sundell
	12	1	Riverside Marsh	BOS Trip
Lesser Scaup	4	10	Am. Shore Lake Erie	Griffins
King Eider	all month	1	Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
Ruddy Turnstone	4 L	1	Windmill Point,Ont.	Heilborns
** Knot	May 30	1	Gull Island	Hermes
** Dowitcher	" "	2	" "	"
Semi-pm. Sandpiper	June 4	14,35	Erie Beach,Windmill Pt.,Ont.	Heilborns
	8	35	" " ,Ont.	BOS Meeting
Acadian Flycatcher	5	1	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Sundell et al
	12	1	Taylor Hollow	Nathan et al
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1,8,12,18-		" "-Bacon,Melburg,Creighton,Griffin	etal
Golden-W. Warbler	1,8,18	1,2,2	" " " " " "	"
	12	1	Bone Run	Elderkins
Blue- W.Warbler	1,8,12,18-2,6,2,4		—Taylor Hollow-Bacon,Melburg,Creighton,Griff.	

Brewster's Warbler	June 1,8,18	--1,2,2	Taylor Hollow	Bacon,Melburg,Creighton,Griffin
	12	1	Bone Run	Elderkins
**Lawrence's Warbler	12	1	" "	B.O.S. Trip
Mourning Warbler	12	1	" "	Elderkins
	18	1	Taylor Hollow	Bacon,Griffin
Canada Warbler	21	3(N-2Y-1E)	Near Hamburg	Melburg, "

Number of species previously recorded	246
New for June (Lawrence's Warbler)	1
Seen in May but not reported on time	2 (Knot,Dowitcher)
New Total	249

Balsam Bog Breeding Bird Census, June 5,1949

Our third year of a census in this area yielded 55 species almost all of which breed within its boundries. Roughly , thr habitat areas in this tract can be defined as follows: bushy filed;open and closed edge;hemlock-maple woods(sometimes almost entirely deciduous or evergreen);blackberry bush and downed timber;hemlock-balsam bog with some deciduous trees and undergrowth. The whole area at 1900-2000ft elevation is at least second growth with comparatively few large size trees except hemlocks. The bog itself was much drier this year and consequently all parts of it were easily accessible. If we could have arrived earlier in the day we would have added more species and individuals,as singing lessened and the wind increased toward mid-day. On the whole the area was covered very well and we estimated,from sight and singing individuals,approximately 205 pairs of nesting birds,no doubt a conservative figure. Species which were not located this year were: Broad-winged Hawk,Winter Wren,Sapsucker,Upland Plover,Kingbird and Purple Finch. Trere was a noticable increase in Mourning Warblers and likewise to a lesser extent in Magnolias The Nashville Warblers,Now 3 pairs,have moved within the boundries of the section and the Pileated Wdpkr. workings were evident but the birds no seen. The list of species in pairs follows.

Red- tld. Hawk	1	Veery	6	Bobolink	2
Ruffed Grouse	6	Bluebird	1	Meadowlark	2
Mourning Dove	1	Blue-hd. Vireo	1	Baltimore Oriole	1
Yellow-bld.Cuckoo	1	Red-eyed Vireo	1 4	Bronze Grackle	2
Black - " "	1	Black& White Warb.	3	Cowbird	4
Flicker	3	Nashville Warbler	3	Scarlet Tanager	6
Hairy Woodpecker	1	Yellow "	4	Rose-br. Grosbeak	4
Downy "	1	Magnolia "	8	Indigo Bunting	3
Crested Flycatcher	5	Bl-thr. Gr. "	12	Goldfinch	5
Wood Pewee	4	Blackburnian "	2	Towhee	2
Blue Jay	3	Chestnut-sd. "	7	Savannah Sparrow	1
Crow	2	Ovenbird	6	Grasshopper Sparrow	3
Chickadee	3	N. Water Thrush	4	Henslow's "	2
House Wren	3	Mourning Warbler	6	Vesper "	3
Catbird	1	Yellow-throat	6	Junco	4
Brown Thrasher	2	Hooded Warbler	1	Chipping Sparrow	1
Robin	8	Canada "	5	Field "	3
Wood Thrush	4	Redstart	15	Song "	7
Olive-backed Thrush	2				

Reported by Robert F. Andrle

NOTES

The Committee on Arrangements for the Sixty-seventh Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists Union,headed by Mr. James Savage, has been hard on plans for the Oct.10-14 meeting. Much,however ,remains to be done, and we will need the help of many other members of our Society as the time of the meeting draws near.

You are all interested in thesuccess of this meeting, and we want your help by suggesting names of friends of our societywho you believe might be willing to contribute toward the fund necessary to cover the expense of the meeting. Please send your suggestions to the finance committee, Harold D.Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert A Hickman or Albert S. Wright II.

H.D.M.

Notes from Rochester and Vicinity for the month of June as reported by W.L. G. Edson ,include the following records. Week ending June 3 -- Brant, Pintail, Lesser Yellow-legs,Gt. Black-bkd. Gull,Whip-poor-will, a few late migrant warblers, and a very late White-thr. Sparrow.
Week ending June 10-- A few Brant still remained at Braddock's Bay ,Baldpate, Green-wng. Teal,Redhead,Greater and Lesser Scaup,Golden -eye and Ruddy Duck,Broad-wng. Hawk,Bl-bellied Plover,Ruddy Turnstone,Solitary Sandpiper,Greater Yellowlegs, Baird's,Least and Red-bkd. Sandpipers,Olive-bkd. Thrush,Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Migrant Shrike.
Week ending June 17. Double-cr. Cormorant,Semi-pm. Plover,White-rumped and Semi-plm. Sandpipers.
During the last week of June-- Lesser Scaup Duck and Osprey were among the birds reported.

H.D.M.

Trip to Frewsburg and Vicinity

On June 12 a party of 22 enjoyed a trip to Southern Chautauqua county and the southwestern corner of Cattaraugus county. The Buffalo group stopped at Taylor Hollow en route , to see a nest of a Golden-wng. male and a female Brewster's warbler , located earlier by Cy Wolfling, near-by were nests of Chestnut-sided Warbler,Blue-gray Gnatcatcher,Yellow-thr. Vireo,and Indigo Bunting, while Chats and Acadian Flycatchers were heard.

After meeting the rest of the group at Frewsburg, our first stop was at Bone Run, where a Veery's nest with eggs and a Blue-wng. Warbler's nest with young were found. Here also a Yellow-bl. Sapsucker was seen and a Pileated Woodpecker was heard.

We were quite unprepared for the good fortune which rewarded our stop along the Allegany River just north of Onoville ,where we saw a male Lawrence's Warbler, which had a territory that apparently adjoined one in which a Blue-wng. and Brewster's Warbler were nesting, and in which we found the nest with 4 young. The Lawrence's Warbler was the first record of that hybrid from our territory, although we have searched carefully for it in recent years, since we have found so many Brewster's Warblers, and have watched the spread and increase in numbers of Blue-wng. Warblers here.

At Riverside Marsh we found nests of Am. and Least Bitterns,and of Prairie Marsh Wren, and saw Wood Duck with young, but were unsuccessful in finding a Cory's Least Bittern there.

Later a Short-bl. Marsh Wren location was visited near Frewsburg. In all 102 species were observed, an excellent record for a hot mid June day. We thank all of our Jamestown and Frewsburg members and friends for organizing the trip and the Sundell's for their hospitality in providing refreshments for our Buffalo group.

H.D.M itchell.

Tern Colony in Buffalo Harbor

The third year's trip to the colony on the gravel spit off the breakwater on June 29 was almost too late for effective banding. It seemed the terns enjoyed a successful nesting season as the weather was warm and there were no severe storms or high winds throughout June. Consequently ,a majority of the young were already awing and not more than thirty nests with eggs were noted while those with very small young seemed even fewer. Many of the juveniles had already reached the flying stage , so only 133 were banded,a small hand net aiding a great deal in capturing them. The amount of small plant growth on the nesting ground was considerably reduced and its size much smaller than last year reflecring the lack of rain since May. It was thus comparatively easy to find the few younger birds which took refuge there. The colony on the whole seemed fully as large as last year's although the great number of flying young might tend to create this impression as

they outnumbered the adults. Approximately 1900 is a rough estimate of the number of flying birds in the vicinity with perhaps not more than 400 young on the ground. We could probably have several of these colonies in the harbor if there were more ideal nesting sites such as tjis.

Robert F. Andrle

FUTURE EVENTS

Field Trip

Sunday ,Aug. 21: Trip for Egrets. A.J. Wright II,Leader. Contact B.nathan, (Gr.8020)

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July was another hot month, with mean temperature averaging 74.3 degrees, a figure exceeded only three times in the past. Precipitation was slightly above normal, but severe storms were lacking in most of the territory. However, at Brockport on the 4th and at Randolph on the 29th, localized storms of near tornado intensity were reported. Our observers were in the field less than in months of greater bird activity, but nevertheless a number of interesting observations were reported. A good shore bird migration got under way, and egrets were reported from widely separated stations. The Hooded Merganser breeding record was particularly fine.

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Common Loon	July 21	1	Mayville	rep. Sundell
Horned Grebe	" 24	1	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
Amer. Egret	" 13F,21	1,2	Mud Lake, Ont.	White
	" 14	1	Kent Switch	Stephan rep.Webster
	" 21	1	Burntship Creek	Brockner
	" 26	1	Dewittville	Sundell et al
Least Bittern	All June	6	Riverside Marsh	Sundell
	July 27,31	1	Dunville Marsh,Ont.	Kemnitzers,Seeber,Nathan, Dooley
Baldpate	June 5	2	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Parker
	" 11	3	Riverside Marsh	Sundell et al
	July 31	3	Dunville, Ont.	Nathan,Seeber,Dooley
Pintail	" 24	3	" "	B.O.S. Trip
Green-w. Teal	" 24	12	" "	" "
Hooded Merganser	" 1	7 Max.	(Incl.young)Beaver Lake Camp	Bliss,N.Y.,Roscho
	" 27,31	1	Sunset Bay, Ont.	Kemnitzers,Seeber,Nathan, Dooley
Amer. Merganser	" 27	1	" "	Kemnitzers, Seeber
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 12	1	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
	" 18	1	Perrysburg, N. Y.	Melberg, Griffin
Cooper's Hawk	" 2,4	1	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
Bald Eagle	" 9	1	Portland	Sundell
	Mid-July	5	Chautauqua Gorge	rep. Sundell

Duck Hawk	July 31	1	Grand Island	Brockner
Pigeon Hawk	" 31 F	1	Windmill Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
	" 31	1	near Camelot Beach, Ont.,	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
*King Rail	" 17	1	Kent Switch	Webster
Semi-Palm. Plover	" 24 F	1	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
Black-b. Plover	" 31 F	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
Wilson's Snipe	" 1	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundell
	" 17	4	Kent Switch	Webster
	" 24	1	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
Hudsonian Curlew	" 14 F	1	near Pt. Colborne, Ont.	Neff rep. White
	" 24	1	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
	" 27	1	Sugar Loaf, Ont.	Kemnitzers, Seeber
Solitary Sandpiper	" 24 F, 27, -3		Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip, Kemnitzers, Seeber
Lesser Yellowlegs	" 10 F	1	" "	Brockner
	" 24	60	" "	B.O.S. Trip
Pectoral Sandpiper	" 24F	1	" "	" "
Least "	" 24F	75	" "	" "
Red-bkd. "	" 24F-31	1	Sugar Loaf, Ont.	" " , Seeber et al
E. Dowitcher	" 10F	1	Canadian Shore	Brockner
	" 31	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
Stilt Sandpiper	" 24F	4	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
	" 27, 31	6, 1	Sunset Bay, Ont.	Kemnitzers, Seeber, Nathan, /Dooley
Semi-palm. "	" 10	20	Canadian Shore	Brockner
	" 24	110	" "	B.O.S. Trip
*Western Sandpiper	" 27 F, 31	1	Sunset Bay, Ont.	Kemnitzers, Seeber, Nathan, Dooley
Sanderling	" 24F	2	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
Gr. Black-b. Gull	" 27F	1	Morgans Pt., Ont.	Kemnitzers, Seeber
Bonaparte's Gull	" 24F	25	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
Black Tern	" 24	350	" "	" "
Screech Owl	All Mo.	1(at least)	Niagara Falls	Heilberns
	July 23	2	Tonawanda	Brockner
Pileated Wdpkr.	June 4	1	Frewsburg	rep. Sundell
	July 27	1	E. Eden	Melberg, Griffin
Short-b. Marsh Wren	" 13	4	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
Prothonotary Warbler	June 5	2	Oak Orchard Swamp	Mrs. R. V. Bowen, Barbara Bowen, rep. Hickman
Golden-w. Warbler	July 18	1	Versailles	Melberg, Griffin
Blue-w. "	" 18	2	"	" "
Brewsters "	" 18	2	"	" "
No. Waterthrush	" 24	1	Canadian Shore	B.O.S. Trip
	" 31	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Nathan, Seeber, Dooley
La. "	" 27	1	E. Eden	Melberg, Griffin
	" 17	2	Kent Switch	Webster
	" 23-31	1	Dowittville	Sundell
Hooded Warbler	" 27	2	E. Eden	Melberg, Griffin

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New species for July	2
New Total	251

NOTES

Rochester Bird Notes, as reported by W.L.G. Edson for the month of July, include the first shore bird migrants; Semi-palm. Plover, Hudsonian Curlew, Lesser Yellowlegs; Least and Semi-palm. Sandpipers for the week ending July 16th, when Common Loon, Great Black-backed Gull and Caspian Tern were also recorded. In the following week, Double-cr. Cormorant, American Egret, Lesser Scaup Duck, Red-br. Merganser, Solitary, Pectoral and Stilt Sandpipers, Dowitcher, Sanderling and King Rail were among the species reported. Birds recorded in week ending July 29th included Baird's Sandpiper & Little Gull.

H. D. Mitchell

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H. D. Mitchell

FUTURE EVENTS

Plans are being made for our Twentieth Anniversary Dinner on November 12th. Set this date aside now.

Winston Brockner, Chairman.

The New York State Federation of Bird Clubs will hold its next meeting at Watkins, N. Y., in late April or early May. Those wishing to present papers then, contact President Winston Brockner, 63 Ardmore Place (El. 6888).

Meetings

Wednesday, Sept. 14th: - Results of Summer Censuses: June Distribution, Bernard Nathan, Leader. Shore Bird Count, Edward Seeber, Leader. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, Sept. 28th: - Fall Duck Census Plans, Robert Andrle, Leader, 59 Blantyre Road (Pa. 1411) A.O.U. Meeting plans by James Savage.

October 10-14 - A.O.U. Convention

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D. D. Mitchell

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[illegible], Chairman.

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Field Trips

Sunday, Sept. 11th: - Dunville Marsh, Bernard Nathan, Leader (Grant 8020). Meet 8 AM Peace Bridge entrance.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25: Pymatuning, Harold D. Mitchell, Leader (Vi. 2587). Meet 8:30 A.M. Genesee St. side of City Hall. Bring lunch.

Friday, Oct. 14th: - A.O.U. Field Trips, Edward Seeber, Chairman (Ri. 8739) Read the Prothonotary for details.

Sunday, Oct. 16th: - Fall Duck Census, Robert Andrle, Leader, 59 Blantyre Rd. (Pa. 1411)

Sunday, Oct. 30th: - Leroy, Edward Ulrich, Leader (Pa. 8896)

Sunday, Nov. 6th: Niagara Loop, Gertrude Webster, Leader (Li. 0060). Meet 9 A. M. at the Peace Bridge entrance.

Audubon Program

Sunday, Oct. 2, 9 A. M. - Grand Island. Meet at Delaware & Hertel Ave. Take lunch. Leader, Gertrude Webster (Li. 0060)

Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 8 P.M. - First indoor meeting, Humboldt Room, Museum. Resume of members' summer vacations.

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G. W. Poordelan

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F -- " first record of migration
L -- " last " " "

Common Loon	Aug. 28	2	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, Row
Horned Grebe	" 28	2	" "	" "
American Egret	" 2	2	Dewittville	Sundell
	" 7	2	Mud Lake, Ont.	Shore bird count
	" 14,16,19-9		Oak Orchard	Nathan,Seeber,Mitchell et al
	" 18-31	-1	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
	" 28	1	Mud Lake, Ont.	Praemassings, et al
*Little Blue Heron	" 3-23	1	Boston Rd.Marsh(Near Hamburg)-Bacon,Melburg,Griffin,	et al
	" 14	2	Oak Orchard	Nathan
	" 18	2	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
Wood Duck	All Month	26	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
	Aug. 19	30	Oak Orchard	Mitchell
	" 27	15	N.Boston Rd.Marsh	Mitchell
	" 31	35 max.	Riverside Marsh	Sundells
Amer.Goldeneye	" 28	4	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, Row
Hooded Merganser	" 7	3max.	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
	" 20	2	Can.Shore Lake Erie	Andrle, Row
	" 27	1	N.Boston Rd.Marsh	Mitchell
Red-br.Merganser	" 28	5	Windmill Point,Ont.	Praemassings, et al
	" 28	2	Niagara Gorge	Andrle, Row
Pigeon Hawk	" 21	1	Akron	B.O.S. Trip
*Golden Plover	" 28	1	Yacht Harbor,Ont.	Seeber et al
*Black-b.Plover	" 19	2	Shore Acres,	Mitchell
	" 20	12	Can.Shore Lake Erie	Andrle, Row
	" 28	4	" " " "	Praemassings et al
Woodcock	" 6,18,22-1,2,1		Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
	" 20	1	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Andrle, Row
Wilson's Snipe	" 16,19	6,1	Braddocks Bay	Mitchell
Hudsonian Curlew	" 28	2	Bird Is. Pier	Drebits
*Western Willet	" 28	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Vaughan, Ulrichs
Knot	" 21	2	Shore Acres.	Nathan et al
	" 24	6	Shorkston, Ont.	Drebits
*Baird's Sandpp.	" 14	2	Shore Acres	Nathan et al
	" 20	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row
	" 27	2	N.Boston Rd.Marsh	Mitchell
	" 27	1	Shore Acres	Nathan, Wright
	" 28	2	Can.Shore Lake Erie	Praemassings et al
Red-bkd.Sandpp.	" 20	1	Pt. Colborne, Ont.	Andrle, Row
	" 28	1	Sugarloaf, Ont.	Seeber et al
E.Dowitcher	" 19	3	Shore Acres	Mitchell
	" 20	1	Pt.Colborne, Ont.	Andrle, Row
	" 27	50	Braddocks Bay	Nathan, Wright
	" 28	1	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Nathan et al
L.B.Dowitcher	" 28	2	Crystal Beach,Ont.	Seeber et al
Stilt Sandpiper	" 19	1	Shore Acres	Mitchell
Western "	" 28	1,2	Crystal Beach,Yacht Harbor,Ont.	Nathan et al
Bonaparte's Gull-throughout June & July-10-3			Dewittville	Sundells
	Aug.1-14	3	Dewittville	Sundell
Caspian Tern	" 14	1	Braddocks Bay	Seeber et al
	" 16,19	2	" "	Mitchell
	" 24	1	Shorkston, Ont.	Drebits
	" 27	4	E.Manitou Point	Nathan,Wright
Pileated Woodpkr.	" 21	1	Charlotte Center	Andrle, Row
Red-bellied "	" 1	1	Java	Roscho

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Yellow-b.Sapsucker	Aug.	16	2	Bliss, N. Y.	Roscho
Yellow-b.Flycatcher	"	13F,20-1,1		Buffalo	Mitchell
	Aug.	28	1	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Nathan et al
Cliff Swallow	"	27	1	Shore Acres	Nathan, Wright
Red-Br.Nuthatch	"	20	1	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row
	"	31	1	Jamestown	Beal
Blue-gr.Gnatcatcher	"	20	1	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row
	"	23	2	" "	Seeber et al
Migrant Shrike	"	19	1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	30	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Seeber
Blk.& Wht.Warbler	"	20F	1	Frankfort	Sundells
Prothonotary	"	June 5	2	Oak Orchard	Mrs.Bowen,Barbara Bowen
Tennessee	"	Aug. 20F	1	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row
Magnolia	"	" 28F	3	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Nathan et al
Cape May	"	" 20F	2	Rockhouse Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row
Chestnut-s.	"	" 20F	1	Cam.Shore Lake Erie	Andrle, Row
Bay-br.	"	" 28F	7	" " " "	" "
Blackburnian	"	" 20F	4	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	" "
Blackpoll	"	" 20F	4	" " "	" "
Northern Waterthrush	"	14F	1	Shorkston, Ont.	Mitchell
	"	30	1	Hamburg	Sundells
Louisiana	"	"1-14	1	Dewittville	Sundell
Canada	"	" 20F	2	Morgans Pt.,Ont.	Andrle, Row

The following were listed on Edward L. Seeber's Shorebird count, August 14th: -

	TOTAL	
Semi-palm. Plover	103	
Killdeer	283	
Black-bellied Plover	3	
Ruddy Turnstone	14	
Spotted Sandpiper	507	
Solitary "	3	
Greater Yellowlegs	14	
Yellowlegs	40	
Pectoral Sandpiper	23	
Least "	77	
Red-bkd. "	1	(Sugarloaf,Ont.-Nathan,Phil.Klabunde)
Semi-pm. "	395	
Western "	1	(Mohawk Pt.,Ont. - Seeber)
Sanderling	66	

(14 species)

New species for August include: Little Blue Heron, Golden Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Western Willet, Baird's Sandpiper.

New total ------- 258

N.S. Stilt Sandpiper should have been starred in the August PROTHONOTARY.

Sixty-Seventh Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union

Buffalo, New York. October 10 - 14, 1949.

The Sixty-seventh Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union will be held at Buffalo, New York, on October 10 - 14, 1949, with the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences and the Buffalo Ornithological Society as hosts. James Savage is Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements for the meeting. A summary of the schedule of events is set forth below, with the time of starting designated.

Monday, October 10

10:00 A. M. Business meeting of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union; Fillmore Room, Hotel Statler.

4:00 P. M. Business meeting of the Fellows of the American Ornithologists' Union; Fillmore Room, Hotel Statler.

8:00 P. M. Business meeting of the Fellows and Members of the American Ornithologists Union; Iroquois Room, Hotel Statler.

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 A. M. Registration begins and continues through Thursday; Lobby, Museum of Science.

10:00 A. M. Opening Session; Addresses of welcome, announcements, etc.; Auditorium, Museum of Science.

11:00 A. M. First papers Session; Auditorium, Museum of Science.

12:30 P. M. Luncheon: Bethlehem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Genesee and East Parade Streets.

2:00 P. M. Second Papers Session: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

4:30 P. M. Meeting of Field Observers: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

8:15 P. M. Motion pictures of former meetings of the American Ornithologists' Union, by James Savage: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

9:30 P. M. Informal Reception: Main Hall and Hall of Plant Life, Museum of Science.

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 A. M. Third Papers Session: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

12:15 P. M. Group photograph: Main entrance, Museum of Science.

12:30 P. M. Luncheon; Bethlehem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

2:00 P. M. Fourth Papers Session: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

7:00 P. M. The Annual Dinner: Ball Room, Hotel Statler. Tickets must be purchased before noon on Tuesday.

Thursday, October 13

9:00 A. M. Fifth Papers Session: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

12:30 P. M. Luncheon: Bethlehem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

2:00 P. M. Sixth Papers Session: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

5:00 P. M. Meeting of Bird-banding Cooperators: Auditorium, Museum of Science.

8:00 P. M. Informal entertainment: Fillmore Room, Hotel Statler.

Friday, October 14

Choice of several field trips, with parties meeting for luncheon at 1:00 P. M. at Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Tickets must be secured and choice of trip made at Registration desk before noon on Thursday.

FUTURE EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 9th: Program by Research Committee, B. Nathan, Chairman. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Saturday, November 12th: ANNIVERSARY DINNER. Parlors A,B,C, Hotel Sheraton, #715 Delaware Avenue, 7 P. M. $3.00 per plate. Informal. Winston W. Brockner (El. 6888), Chairman.

Wednesday, December 14th: Christmas Census Plans, Mr. & Mrs. Axel Heilborn, Leaders. Humboldt Room, Museum, 8 P. M.

Field Trips

Sunday, October 16th: Fall Duck Census, Robert Andrle, Leader (Pa. 1411)

Sunday, October 30th: Leroy, Edward C. Ulrich, Leader (Pa. 8896).

Sunday, November 6th: Niagara Loop, Gertrude Webster, Leader (Li.0060). Meet 9 A.M. at Peace Bridge Entrance.

MONDAY, December 26th: Christmas Census, Mr. & Mrs. Heilborn, Leaders, 8874 Lindberg Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

NOTES

Notes from Rochester and vicinity for the month of August, as reported by W.L.G. Edson, include the following records:

Week ending August 5th: Common Loon, Amer. Egret, Green-w. Teal, Semi-plm. Plover, Solitary, Baird's and Stilt Sandpipers, Dowitcher, Sanderling, Franklin's Gull and Caspian Tern.

Week ending August 19th: Little Blue Heron (On Aug. 14th near Buck's Pond), Golden Plover, Hudsonian Curlew and Migrant Shrike.

Week ending August 26th: Lesser Scaup Duck, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, King Rail, Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Myrtle and Bay-breasted and Canada Warbler.

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Week ending August 8th: Common Loon, Heer, Eyrot, Green-w. Teal, Sand-pin, Plover, Solitary, Pectoral and Stilt Sandpipers, Dowitcher, Camerling, Franklin's Gull and Chapman Tern.

Week ending August 15th: Little Blue Heron (On Aug. 14th near Buck's Pond), Golden Plover, Buffalo Curlew and Migrant Shrike.

Week ending August 22nd: Lesser Scaup Duck, Ruddy Duck, Uncled Sorgenser, King Rail, Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Myrtle and Bay-breasted and Canada Warbler.

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The Month

Every one of the ten months preceding September was above normal in temperature. The month in review, however, broke the spell with an average which was 2.8 degrees below normal. The first day was cold and very windy, but thereafter the weather settled down to a pattern of saw-tooth temperature changes and frequent rains, with no record-breaking features at any time. There were several good warbler days, notably the 18th, when twenty-six species were recorded. If there ever was a fall flight of Broad-winged Hawks comparable to the one which occurred on the 24th, no ornithologist has recorded it. That day was cold, with a rather brisk west wind and considerable overcast, and followed four days of low temperature and intermittent rain. Golden Plover and Northern Phalarope records were prominent, but the bird of the month was unquestionably the Greenland Wheatear, which was observed closely by Nathan and Wright and photographed by the latter. The authors of our forthcoming Check List could wish that such stragglers might postpone their visits to our territory until their task, monumental enough already, is completed!

C. S. Beardslee

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

* -- denotes new species for the year
F -- " first record of migration
L -- " last " " "

Common Loon	Sept.	4,7	2,2	Gorge	Andrle et al; Mitchell, Eames
Holboell's Grebe	"	7F	1	Gorge	Mitchell, Eames
Horned Grebe	"	4,7	4	Gorge	Andrle et al; Mitchell, Eames
		24	1	Morgan's Pt. Ont.	Wright

Pied-b. grebe	Sept.	17	60	L. Chautauqua Outlet	Lenna
*Gannet	"	17	1	Outer Buffalo harbor	Brockner
D. Cr. Cormorant	"	21	1	Gorge	Sheppard
American Egret	"	10L	2	Braddock's Bay	Andrle, Rew, Gamble
Least Bittern	"	11	1	Burnsship Cr.	Heilborn
		24L	1	Tifft St.	Andrle, Rew
Pintail	"	9F	3	L. Chautauqua Outlet	Parker
Canvas-back	"	10F	2	Gorge	Axtell
Old-squaw	"	7F	1	Gorge	Mitchell, Eames
Ruddy Duck	"	30F	5	Cassadaga L.	Stanley et al
Amer. Merganser	"	7	2	Gorge	Mitchell, Eames
Turkey Vulture	"	25	3	Zoarhaven	Brockner, Hermes
		30	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	22,24	1	Tifft St.	Rew, Andrle
		24	6,3	Morgan's Pt.; Colden	Wright; Doyle
Cooper's Hawk	"	24,24	1,1	Tifft St.;Morgan's Pt.	Rew,Andrle; Wright
		24	5	Colden	Doyle
Red-tailed Hawk	"	24	25	Chestnut Ridge	James, Rosche
Red-should. Hawk	"	24	42	Colden	Doyle
		30	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Broad-wgd. Hawk	"	24	3,000-4,000	Chest. Ridge	James, Rosche
		25	70	Nr. N. Boston	Endres,rep.Almendinger
Bald Eagle	"	4	1	Chippawa, Ont.	Andrle, Nathan et al
Marsh Hawk	"	24	10	Morgan's Pt., Can.	Wright
Osprey	"	2	1	L. Chautauqua Outlet	Hammerstrom rep.Parker
Duck Hawk	"	11	1	Pt. Colborne, Ont.	White
Pigeon Hawk	"	10	1	Braddock's Bay	Andrle, Rew, Gamble
Virginia Rail	"	17	2	Pt. Stokholm	Lenna
Sora Rail	"	24	1	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan, Wright al
Golden Plover	"	5	1	Yacht Harbor, Ont.	Nathan,Andrle,Vaughn,et
		5	12	Grand Island	" " " "
		7	6	Grand Island	Mitchell, Eames
		17	1	Shore Acres	Axtell et al
Ruddy Turnstone	"	17	3	Erie Beach, Ont.	Rosche, Broadbent
Western Willet	"	4,5,7,8	--1	Gorge	Nathan,Mitchell,Moore et al
Knot	"	5	4	Can.Shore L.Erie	Nathan,Andrle et al
		17	10	Erie Beach, Ont.	Heilborn, et al
		30	1	East Eden	Melberg, Bacon,Griffin
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	4	12	East Eden	Wright
		30	9	East Eden	Melberg,Bacon,Griffin
White-rumpd. Spr.	"	17	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Rosche, Broadbent
		17	3	Shore Acres	Axtells,Nathan,Wright
Baird's Spr.	"	3	1	Bird Island Pier	Andrle
		28	1	East Eden	Melberg,Bacon,Griffin
Least Sandpiper	"	28,30	2,1	East Eden	" " "
Red-bkd. Spr.	"	25	2	Bird Island Pier	Rosche
Dowitcher	"	17L	3	Shore Acres	Wright
		4	1	E. Eden	Wright
Western Sandpiper	"	17L	2,1	Pt.Stokholm;Shore A.	Lenna;Axtell et al
*Red Phalarope	"	29F	2	Gorge	Sheppard
		30	2	Gorge	"
*No.Phalar.	4F,6,25		2,2,1	E.Eden	Wright
*No. Phalarope	4F,5,		12,10	Gorge	Andrle,Nathan et al
		7,8	1	Gorge	Mitchell,Eames,Moore
		28,30	1	E. Eden	Melberg,Bacon,Griffin
*Parasitic Jaeger	Sept.	17F	1	Erie Beach	Rosche,Broadbent
		18	1	" "	Axtells,Nathan,Seeber

Gr. Black-b. Gull	Sept.	17F	1	Braddock's Bay	Axtell, Nathan, Wright
	"	24	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle, Rew
*Franklin's Gull	"	5F, 17	3, 3	Ft. Erie, Ont	Nathan, Andrle, Vaughan et al
	"	19, 25	1, 1	Bird Island Pier	Andrle, Rosche
Little Gull	"	18F	1	Niagara River	Gamble, Axtells
	"	22, 24	1, 1	Bird Island Pier	Mitchell, Andrle, Rew
*Forster's Tern	"	1F	2	Bird Island	Andrle
		7	3	" "	"
		4, 5	2, 1	Ft. of Sher. Dr.	Mitchell, Andrle, Nathan et al
		5	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Vaughan, Nathan et al
		Many records			
Caspian Tern	"	10	7	Braddock's Bay	Andrle, Rew, Gamble
	"	17	5	" "	Axtell, Nathan, Wright
Black tern	"	7	3, 000	Niagara Loop	Mitchell, Eames
Barn Owl	Aug.	5	3 young left nest Brocton		(Nested in barn with pigeons.) Wolebens rep. Stanley
Barred Owl	Sept.	24	1	Batavia	Buckland
Short-eared Owl	"	14	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
Whip-poor-will	"	20	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
R. thr. Hummingbird	"	24L	1	Rockhouse Pt. Ont.	Nathan
Pileated woodp.	"	28	1	Laona	Stanley et al
Yellow b. saps.	"	20F	1	Hamburg	Melberg
Wood Pewee	"	30L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Red br. Nuthatch		13 records totalling 23 indiv. thruout September			
Winter Wren	"	24F	1	Rockhouse Pt. Ont.	Wright
Wood Thrush	"	30L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
*Greenland Wheatear	"	24	1	Cherry Hill, Ont.	Wright, Nathan
Gold. cr. Kinglet	"	24F	8	Chestnut Ridge	James, Rosche
	"	24F	10	Can. Sh. L. Erie	Nathan, Wright
Ruby-cr. "	"	14F	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
		24	10	Can. Shore	Nathan, Wright
Pipit	"	24, 25	20, 30	Cherry Hill, Ont.	Andrle, Nathan et al
Migrant Shrike	"	24L	1	Windmill Pt.	Wright, Nathan
Yellow-thr. Vireo	"	30L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Blue-hdd. Vireo	"	10F	1	Delaware Park	Rosche
		22	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
Phila. Vireo	"	24L	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
		22	1	Morgan's Pt, Ont.	Nathan
Brewster'd Warb.	"	1L	1	Pt. Colborne, Ont.	White
Nashville Warb.	"	2F	1	Delaware Park	Rosche
Parula Warb.	"	30L	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Blackburnian Warb.	"	24L	1	Delaware Park	Rosche
		24L	4	Morgan's Pt, Ont.	Wright
Pine Warbler	"	2	1	Forest Lawn	Rosche
W. Palm Warb.	"	10F	2	Elma	Rosche
*Connecticut W.	"	16F	1	Niag. Falls, Ont.	Sheppard
		22	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
Wilson's Warb.	"	30L	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Rusty Blackbird	"	24F	2	Dunnville, Ont.	Nathan, Wright
Scarlet Tanager	"	27L	1	Hamburg	Griffins
Rose-br. Grosbeak	"	20	1	Hamburg	Melberg
White-thr. sparrow	"	14F	2	South Park	Brockner
Lincoln's sparrow	"	30F	1	Jamestown	Lenna
*Hermit Thrush	"	20F	1	Tifft St.	Andrle

New species for September--8: Gannet, Red Phalarope, Northern Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, Connecticut Warbler and Greenland Wheatear.

Total to August 31	258
New	8
Total Sept. 30	266

The Sixty-seventh Stated Meeting of the A. O. U.

The registration of the people who attended the 67th stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union began on Monday, October 10th, and thus put into motion the convention for which we had planned during the spring and summer.

Those who attended the programs during the day sessions in the Museum auditorium now more fully understand and appreciate the significance of a meeting of this type. The papers, some with pictures, covered such topics as exploration, avian systematics, bird songs and recording, bird behavior, conservation, and flight as analyzed with the present knowledge of aerodynamics, and many others.

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Notes from Rochester and vicinity for the Month of September, as reported by W. L. G. Edson, include the following records:

Week ending Sept. 2: Baldpate, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Dowitcher, Baird's and Stilt sandpipers, and 17 species of Warblers.

Week ending Sept. 9: Amer. Egret, Pintail, Shoveller, Hudsonian Curlew, Knot, Caspian Tern, Kingbird, Cliff Swallows, 20 species of warblers, including Golden-winged, yellow, Cerulean and Pine and an early White-throated Sparrow. A Phalarope, probably the Northern, was seen in Irondequoit Bay on Sept 3.

Week ending Sept. 16: Northern Phalarope, Nighthawk, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, and in Durand Eastman Park a White-eyed Vireo was observed by Hugh Schaeffer (the first record in 30 years), Rusty Blackbird and Indigo Bunting.

Week ending Sept.23: Piping Plover, Hudsonian Curlew, Dowitcher, Northern Phalarope, Saw-whet Owl, a very late Yellow warbler and yellow-breasted Chat.

Week ending Sept. 30: Double-cr. Cormorant, Amer. Egret, Green Heron, Ring-necked Duck, 9 species of hawks including Duck Hawk and Pigeon Hawk, Virginia and Sora Rails, Fla. Gallinule, Spotted Sandpiper and Wilson Phalarope, (the latter at an unusually late date), chimney swift, hummingbird, a late Kingbird. Tree, bank and rough-winged swallows, winter wren, both kinglets, 3 species vireos and 16 species of warblers, scarlet tanager, rose-br. grosbeak, White-cr. sparrow and Lapland Longspur, the last named observed by Dr. Chapin at Braddock's Bay on Sept. 25, a very early date.

NOTICE

Payments to the B. O. S. for annual dues and for the Prothonotary for the year 1949-50 are now due and payable. Please send your remittances to Kathryn Praemassing, Treasurer, 87 Linden Avenue, Buffalo 14, N.Y. The prompt payment of $1.50 for membership dues and $1.00 for the Prothonotary will facilitate and lighten the work of our Treasurer. May we ask your co-operation.

E.C.U.

Greenland Wheatear in Southern Ontario

Early Saturday morning, September 24, 1949, Bernard Nathan and I were driving about two miles west of Ridgeway, Ontario. En route we noted with interest large groups of Savannah Sparrows and other field birds and concentrations of Pipits on many of the plowed fields. In an open area, south of the Cherry Hill Club property, our attention was attracted to a small bird with a white rump which flew with a group of sparrows from the roadside. As the bird alighted on a nearby wire fence, I made a careful study through high powered binoculars and found that this was a species which I had never encountered in any part of the country before. Process of elimination left no doubt that the bird was a Greenland Wheatear. This fact was later verified by comparing field notes with ornithological texts. For some time I followed the bird taking photographs whenever practical. The Wheatear eventually flew to a plowed field where it seemed very much at home bobbing and waving its tail up and down as it stood erect on the turned over soil.

The Greenland Wheatear is one of the most striking species one could

encounter. It has a warm cinnamon brown breast and back, a dark line through the eye, dark wings, the primaries margined with white, and a black tail tipped with white. In flight the snow-white rump is extremely conspicuous.

I can't help but wonder why this Wheatear, which breeds in the arctic and migrates southeast through the British Isles to winter in Western Africa, should find its way to southern Ontario, giving us the first record for our territory. The only conclusion that I can come to, is that it undoubtedly followed the large flocks of Pipits that leisurely wandered south in such unusual numbers this fall.

A. J. Wright

FUTURE EVENTS

Meetings

Wednesday, December 14: Plans for Christmas Census, Axel Heilborn, leader
8874 Lindberg Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

FIELD TRIPS

CHRISTMAS CENSUS: Monday, December 26th

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The Month

October was a beautiful month. Mean temperature was 57.2, which is 6.1 degrees above average; and precipitation was less than half the normal amount. We were fortunate in having such enjoyable weather for the A. O. U. meeting and for the field trips which brought it to a close. These field trips were also very satisfying to our guests in respect to the birds observed, both water birds and land birds being very well represented, as will be seen from the day's list below. An excellent flight of shore birds was noted throughout the month; Blue and Snow Geese were reported in unusually large groups for these rare birds; enough individuals of the warbler and vireo families enjoyed the balmy weather to give us a splendid showing; and pipits were very numerous and widely distributed. Perhaps the most unusual occurrence of all, however, was the unprecedented number of Ruddy Ducks reported from Lake Chautauqua.

Noteworthy Records

Whistling Swan	Oct.	19	250	over Jamestown	Beal
	"	31	66	Olean	Eaton
Canada Goose	"	23	280	Akron	Axtells
	"	26	100	over Buffalo	Rosche
L. Snow Goose	"	23 F	50	Shadigee	Pixley
	"	28	2	W. Kendall	Beardslee
Blue Goose	"	23 F	75	Shadigee	Pixley
	"	23	5	Akron	Axtells
	"	28	45	W. Kendall	Beardslee
Blue-winged Teal	"	28 L	2	Lake Chautauqua	Lenna
Shoveller	"	19,20L	3	Celeron	Lenna
Wood Duck	"	1,15	25,41	Bliss	Rosche
	"	2	25	Grand Island	Audubon Trip
	"	22	50	Niagara Loop	Axtells and class
	"	28	2	Lake Chautauqua	Lenna
Old Squaw	"	23 F	1	Braddock's Bay	Axtells
Surf Scoter	"	22	1	Niagara Loop	Axtell and class
Amer. Scoter	"	30 F	3	Bemus Point	Lenna, Powers, Parker
Ruddy Duck	"	28	1900	Off Celeron	Lenna, Powers
	"	30	16	Lake Leroy	Hazelton, Ulrich, et al.
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	22 L	1	Grand Island	Rosche, James
Bald Eagle	"	2	1	Rock House Pt., Ont.	Gamble

Osprey	Oct.	17	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	"	21	1	East Amherst	Andrle, Gamble
	"	28	1	Jamestown	Lenna
	all month until 29th,		1L	Lake Chautauqua Outlet	Parker et al.
Duck Hawk	"	2L	1	Rock House Pt., Ont.	Gamble
Pigeon Hawk	"	11	1	Buckhorn Island	Seeber, Trautman, Robbins, Boggs
Coot	"	28	4500	Off Celeron	Lenna, Powers
**Piping Plover	Sept.	3	1	Barcelona	Sundells
Semi-palm. Plover	Oct.	23 L	1	Shore Acres	Axtells
Hudsonian Curlew	"	7	1	Bird Island	Green, Rep., Rosche
Lesser Yellow-legs	"	28 L	1	Shore Acres	Beardslee
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	31	10	Braddock's Bay	Pixley, Beadle
W.-rump Sandpiper	"	3	1	East Eden	Melberg, Griffins
	"	23	1	Shore Acres	Axtells
	"	28 L	1	Shore Acres	Beardslee
Red-bkd. Sandpiper	"	23,28	110,100	Shore Acres	Axtells, Beardslee
Semi-pm. Sandpiper	"	23 L	1	Braddock's Bay	Axtells
Sanderling	"	23,28	4,2	Shore Acres	Axtells, Beardslee
Franklin's Gull	"	1,12	1,1	Fort Erie, Ont.	Mitchell, et al., A.O.U. group.
Forster's Tern	"	1	12	North Harbor	Andrle
	"	20,22,24	2,1,1	Bird Island	Andrle
Black Tern	"	14 L	1	Bird Island,	Herndon, Ulrich
Whip-poor-will	"	1 L	1	Forest Lawn	Seeber
Nighthawk	"	2 L	7,3	Buffalo, Letchworth Pk.	Brockner, Webster
Chimney Swift	Sept.	29 L	1	Castile	Van Arsdale
Pileated Woodpecker	Sept.	11	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
	Oct.	7	1	Wellsville	McMurtry
	"	30	1	in Jamestown residential area	Lenna
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	14-21	2	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
	"	22 L	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell and class
Phoebe	"	23L	1	Olean	Eaton
Wood Pewee	"	1 L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Nathan et al.
Nor. Horned Lark	"	23	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Rough-w. Swallow	"	2L	20	Grand Island	Audubon Trip
Hermit Thrush	"	28	1	Jamestown	Lenna
Gray-ch. Thrush	"	2L	1	Olean	Eaton
Pipit	Many records, largest number reported being the following:				
	"	30	505	E. Pembroke, Leroy, etc.	Hazelton, Ulrich, Pixley, et al.
Northern Shrike	"	28 F	1	Hamlin State Park	Beardslee
Yellow-th. Vireo	"	2 L	1	Batavia	Pixley
Blue-H. Vireo	"	2 L	3	Olean	Eaton
Red-eyed Vireo	"	15	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell
Philadelphia Vireo	"	1 L	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell et al.
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	1	4	Forest Lawn	Mitchell et al
	"	15 L	1	" "	Mitchell
Nashville Warbler	"	15	2	" "	Mitchell
Parula Warbler	"	1 L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Nathan et al
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	"	11 L	2	Buckhorn Island	Seeber et al
Blackburnian Warbler	"	1 L	1	Tifft Street	Andrle
**Prairie Warbler	Sept.	16	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Ovenbird	Oct.	1 L	1	Downtown Buffalo	Mitchell
Nor. Water-Thrush	"	10 L	1	Bird Island	Chandler Robbins
La. Water-Thrush	"	1 L	1	Bird Avenue	Hickman
Connecticut Warbler	"	10 L	1	Forest Lawn	Seeber
Wilson's Warbler	"	10 L	1	Niagara Falls	Rogerson
Indigo Bunting	"	1 L	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Savannah Sparrow	"	23 L	3	Braddock's Bay	Axtells
Chipping Sparrow	"	28 L	20	Frewsburg	Sundell
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	1,16L	5,1	Jamestown	Lenna
	"	15	1	Forest Lawn	Mitchell

Lapland Longspur	Oct.	23F	110	Shore Acres	Axtells
Golden Plover	"	23 L	5	Shore Acres	Axtells
Species newly reported	3				
Previous total	266				
New total	269				

Fall Duck Census

The Buffalo Ornithological Society's 15th Annual Fall Duck Census on Oct. 16, 1949 saw 70 persons in 25 parties in the field on a fair and clear day and yielded a total of 140 species and 75,259 individuals. This was the most birds and the most species even seen on a Fall Count with the exception of an early census on October 3, 1937. The count of individuals was more than doubled by the total of over 43,000 starlings and blackbirds, 35,000 of these being observed flocking to roost at Braddock's Bay on Lake Ontario, including 20,000 Red-wings, 10,000 Starlings and 5,000 Grackles. A good variety of ducks was seen; Green-w. Teal and especially Pintail, in greater numbers than usual but apparently the diving ducks, particularly Scaup, had not arrived in force. The report of 721 Ruddy Ducks from the east end of Chautauqua Lake was unprecedented. The shore-birds were well represented, Golden Plovers being seen for the second time on a Fall Census and Killdeers in over twice their normal numbers. The first Knots since the 1940 count were reported from two localities and Red-backedSandpipers were more abundant than usual. Far more Ring-b. Gulls were noted than ever before and over 3,400 Coots, on Chautauqua Lake, was an exceptional concentration. Land birds in general were less numerous than was to be expected from the fine pre-census weather. A late Scarlet Tanager and a Rose-br. Grosbeak were reported for the first and second times respectively, on a Fall Census. Noteworthy was a flock of 12 Northern Horned Larks in Ontario as well as over 90 Lapland Longspurs observed in a southward migration at Shore Acres on Lake Ontario. Of great interest was the report of a Gambel's Sparrow, a western race of White-crowned, along the feeder canal near Wainfleet, Ontario. The leader sincerely thanks those members and their friends who participated in this census.

R.F.D.A.

Territories - Fall Duck Census

A. Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, Fort Erie to Port Colborne, Forest Lawn Cem. Mitchell, Moorel

B. Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, Port Colborne to Rock House Pt., Wright, Andrle.

C. Rock House Point, Ont., Dunnville Marsh, Grand River and inland, Byron, Nathan, Woldman.

D. Canadian Side of Niagara River, Fort Erie to Niagara on the Lake and Lake Ontario to Port Weller and south inland Cumminskeys, Almendinger.

E. Grand Island, north Section Windsor, Hickman, Emerson, Paul.

F. Grand Island, south section Praemassings, Rosa, Focklam

G. American Side of Niagara River, Bird Island to Niagara Falls, Hyde Park.- Knight, Rosche.

H. American Side of Niagara River, Niagara Falls to Niagara on the Lake, Lake Ontario shore to Wilson Ulrichs

I. Lake Ontario Shore, Wilson to Olcott and beyond -Thorp, Wolfling, McCarthy,

J. Lake Ontario Shore, Shore Acres to Braddock's Bay - Axtell and class.

K. Oak Orchard Swamp Wilson, Low.

L. Letchworth Park, Silver Lake, Java Center areas Klabundes

M. Castile, Silver Lake, adjacent areas Thompson; Van Arsdales

N. Batavia, Horseshoe, Nu Lakes, Lakes Akron, La Grange Pixley

O. Forest Lawn, Delaware Park, Lincoln Park, Ellicott Creek Park, Harris Hill, Wendlings.

P. South Shore Lake Erie, Buffalo Harbor to Dunkirk Brettles; Seeber

Q. Hamburg and area south, North Boston, E. Eden Bacon; Melberg

R. East Aurora, Sinking Ponds, Orchard Park Reservoir, Emery Park - Knox. Ashcroft, J. Wrathall, C. Wrathall

S. Dunkirk, Fredonia, Bear Lake and Cassadaga Lakes area - Stanleys, Schober, Siegel, Polacek, Goodrich

T. South Dayton, Kent Switch — Webster
U. Chautauqua Lake, Riverside Marsh, Stillwater areas - Sundells, Olson, Lenna
V. Rushford, Cuba Lakes and surrounding areas — Vaughan
W. Wellsville, Independence, N. Y., areas — McMurtrys
X. Allegany State Park, E. Randolph areas — Eschelmans, Englehardt.
Y. Lake Ontario Shore, Rochester, west to Shore Acres — M. King

(Letters refer to parties reporting):

Loon	3
Horned Grebe	29
Pied-b. Grebe	173
D.-cr. Cormorant	2 B,J
Gr. Bl. Heron	56
Green Heron	1 K (L)
Bl.-cr. N. Heron	9
Am. Bittern	7 (L)
Mute Swan	1 S
Canada Goose	601-500K
Mallard	258
Black Duck	667
Baldpate	130
Pintail	343
Green-w. Teal	67
Blue-w. Teal	35
Shoveller	3 J
Wood Duck	137
Redhead	33 U,V(F)
Ring-n. Duck	6 U (F)
Canvas-back	3
Lsr. Scaup Duck	186
Golden-eye	1 D
Bufflehead	3 A (F)
Old-squaw	2 L
Wh.-w. Scoter	13 (F)
*Surf Scoter	8 B,I
Ruddy Duck	721 U
Hooded Merganser	5 L
Am. Merganser	15
Red-br. Merganser	3
Turkey Vulture	14
Sharp-sh. Hawk	4
Cooper's Hawk	1
Red-t. Hawk	9
Red-sh. Hawk	7
Rough-l. Hawk	1 CinB (F)
Bald Eagle	1 H
Marsh Hawk	17
Osprey	2, R,U
Pigeon Hawk	1 P(L)
Sparrow Hawk	26
Ruffed Grouse	5
Ring.n. Pheasant	158
Virginia Rail	2 C,S(E)
Fl. Gallinule	8 (L)
Coot	3598 (3422-U)
Semip. Plover	16
Killdeer	1073
Golden Plover	33 B,F,J.
Black B. Plover	106
Woodcock	3

Wilson's Snipe	106
Spotted Sand.	2 E(L),S
Grt. Yellow-legs	53
Yellow-legs	57
Knot	2 CinB(L),J
Pectoral Sand.	67
W-r. Sandpiper	4 C,J
Least Sandpiper	1 U(L)
Red-b. Sandpiper	298
Semip. Sandpiper	33
Sanderling	205
Gr. Bl-b. Gull	6
Herring Gull	1355
Ring-b. Gull	6188
Bonaparte's Gull	774
Forster's Tern	1 A
Common Tern	102
Mourning Dove	78
Black-b. Cuckoo	1 S(L)
Screech Owl	1
Gt. Horned Owl	2
Belted Kingfisher	20
Flicker	20 (L)
Pilea ted Wdpk.	3 Q,U,X
Red-h. Woodpk.	1 S
Yellow-b. Sap.	1 I
Hairy Wdpkr.	17
Downy Wdpker.	72
Phoebe	5
N. Horned Lark	12 J(F)
Pr. Horned Lark	185
Blue Jay	94
Crow	705
Bl.-c. Chickadee	381
Tufted Titmouse	1 S
Wh.-br. Nuthatch	31
Red-br. Nuthatch	5
Brown Creeper	18
House Wren	3 (L)
Winter Wren	3
Pr. Marsh Wren	1 U(L)
Catbird	4
Robin	1321
Hermit Thrush	14
Bluebird	208
Golden-cr. K.	144
Ruby-cr. K.	20
Pipit	298
Cedar Waxwing	52
Shrike SP?	1
Starling I	14,172(10,000 U)
Red-e. Vireo	2(L), C E

Nashville W.	1 W(L)
Cape M. W.	11 (L)
Myrtle W.	194
Chestnut s. W.	1 D(L)
Bay Br. W.	2 S,X(L)
Blackpoll W.	3 P,U(L)
W. Palm W.	1 O (L)
N. Yellow-thr.	1 T(L)
Canada W.	2 S,T(L)
Redstart	1 F(L)
Eng. Sp.	2828
Meadowlark	167
Redwing	23988 (20,000 J)
Rusty Bl.	693
Bron. Grackle	6152 (5000 J)
Cowbird	966
Scarlet Tan.	1 C(L)
Cardinal	8
Rose-br. Grsbk.	1 D(L)
Purple Fn.	42
Pine Siskin	47 (45-J, 2-H)
Goldfinch	663
Red-e. Towhee	8
Savannah Sp.	46
Vesper Sp.	50
Junco	1229
Tree Sp.	29 (F)
Chipping Sp.	19
Field Sp.	56
Wh.-cr. Sp.	85
Wh.-thr. Sp.	227
Lincoln's Sp.	6 U
Fox Sp.	7
Swamp Sp.	27
Song Sp.	617
Lapland Longs.	90 J(F)
unidentified blkbrds.	450
unidentified ducks	784
Total species	140

Report of Fall Warbler Census

Buffalo Audubon Society

The annual Fall WarblerCensus was conducted this year on September 18, 1949. Inclement weather with frequent showers, occasional downpours and considerable wind was not conducive to the best birding. However, 29 members braved the elements and the resultswere very gratifying with 146 species reported and 18,448 individuals.

Gertrude Weber, Leader.

Territories and observers as follows:

A. South Dayton, N. Y. - Webster
B. Fort Erie, Ont., and Yacht Harbor - Graham & Windsor
C. Erie Beach to Niagara Falls, Crystal Beach - Mitchell and Frederick.
D. South end of Grand Island - Knight, Rosche, Oggeson.
E. North end of Grand Island - Tilley.
F. Niagara Falls, Ontario to Port Weller, Mud Lake, Sugarloaf Morgan's Point back to Peace Bridge - Seeber, Nathan, Woldman, Byron.
G. Tifft Street, Lake Shore to Wanakah - Rew
H. Forest Lawn and Delaware Park - Teare, Ellis, Weber.
I 132 McKinley Avenue, Kenmore - Beardslee.
J. Allegany State Park - Eschelmans, Almendinger.
K. Lake Shore between Wilson & Olcott, Olcott Cemetery and Eighteen Mile Creek - Hoyers.
L. Fort Erie, Ontario - Axtells

List of Species, Fall Warbler Census, Sept. 18, 1949

(Letters in parenthesis refer to party observing the bird)

Common Loon	5	(CK)
Horned Grebe	5	(C)
Pied-b. Grebe	34	
D.Cr. cormorant F	1	(F)
Gr. Blue Heron	19	
Green Heron	2	(DE)
Amer. Bittern	4	
Mallard	100	
Black Duck	133	
Gadwall F	3	(J)
Baldpate	3	(D)
Gr.-w. Teal	4	
Blue-w. Teal	142	
Wood Duck	10	
Canvasback	2	
Amer. Golden-eye	5	
Amer. Merganser	5	
Turkey Vulture	5	
Sharp-sh. Hawk	2	
Cooper's Hawk	2	
Red-sh. Hawk	1	(A)
Marsh Hawk	10	
Pigeon Hawk	1	(F)
Sparrow Hawk	9	
Pheasant	30	
Virginia Rail	1	(F)
Fla. Gallinule	7	
Semi.-p-Plover	30	
Killdeer	143	
Blk.-b. Plover	5	
Reddy Turnstone	1	(F)
Woodcock	4	
Wilson's Snipe	6	
Spot. Sandpiper	5	
Solit. Sandp.	4	
Gr. Yellow-legs	4	
Yellow-legs	20	
Knot	45	
Pectoral Sandp.	5	
Wh.-r. Sandp.	1	(C)
Baird's Sandp.	6	(BC)
Least Sandpiper	5	
Semi.-p. Sandp.	6	
Sanderling	203	
Parasitic Jaeger	1	(L)
Gt. Blk,-b. Gull	1	(C)
Herring Gull	158	
Ring-b. Gull	801	
Franklin's Gull	2	(C)
Bonaparte's Gull	4638	
Little Gull F	1	(L)
Forster's Tern	1	(C)
Common Tern	325	
Black Tern	508	
Rock Dove	31	
Mourning Dove	83	
Screech Owl	1	(F)
Gr.Horned Owl	1	(D)
Nighthawk	1	(F)
Chimney Swift	5	
Hummingbird	1	(F)
Belted Kingfshr.	26	
Flicker	109	
Pileated Woodp.	1	(A)
Red-h.Woodp.	1	(G)
Downy Woodp.	13	
Kingbird L	4	(AD)
Phoebe	22	
Yel.-b. Flyc.	4	(J)
Least Flyc. L	3	(CD)
Wood Pewee	40	
Pr.Horned Lark	2	
Tree Swallow	156	
Bank Swallow L	7	
Rough w. Swal.	220	
Barn Swallow L	2	
Purple Martin L	12	
Blue Jay	69	
Crow	220	
Blk.-c. Chick.	33	
White-br. Nuth.	7	
Red-br. Nuth.	14	
Brown Creeper F	2	(FK)
House Wren	7	
Pr. Marsh Wren	11	
Catbird	57	

Brown Thrasher	4	
Robin	548	
Wood Thrush	3	
Olive-b. Thrush F	33	
Gray-ch. Thrush F	2	(BF)
Veery	2	(B)
Bluebird	71	
Blue-gr. Greatcat. L	1	(F)
Pipit F	4	(F)
Cedar Waxwing	27	
Starling	4904	
Blue-h. Vireo	5	(J)
Red-ey. Vireo	17	
Phila. Vireo	4	(CF)
Blk.& Wh. Warbler	16	
Golden-w. Warbler L	1	(F)
Tennessee War.	11	
Orange-cr. Warb.F	1	(C)
Nashville Warb.	7	
Parula Warbler F	4	
Yellow Warb. L	5	(G)
Magnolia Warb.	68	
Cape May Warb.	7	
Bl.thr.Blue W.	4	
Myrtle Warb. F	12	
Bl.thr.Green W.	13	
Blackburnian W.	8	
Chestnut-s. W.	15	
Bay-br. Warb.	126	
Blackpoll W.	17	
W. Palm. Warb.	3	(BD)
Ovenbird	12	
N. Water-Thrush	4	
Conn. Warbler	1	(G)
Mourning Warbler L	2	(F)
N. Yellowthroat	7	
Wilson's Warb.	7	
Canada Warb.	9	
Redstart	40	
Eng. Sparrow	691	
Meadowlark	32	
Redwing	1908	
Baltimore Ori.L	2	(J)
Bronzed Grackle	49	
Cowbird	526	
Scarlet Tanager	2	(CJ)
Cardinal	5	
Rose-br. Grsbk.	1	(B)
Purple Finch	10	
Pine Siskin F	6	(J)
Goldfinch	175	
Red-eyed Towhee	6	
Savannah Spar.	26	
Vesper Spar.	21	
Slate-col.Junco	5	
Chipping Spar.	13	
Field Spar.	2	
White-thr. Spar.	56	
Swamp Spar.	8	
Song Spar.	181	

List of Species Observed on A. O. U. Trip, October 14, 1949

Common Loon
Horned Grebe
Pied-billed Grebe
D. Cr. Cormorant
Gr.Blue Heron
Canada Goose
Mallard
Common Black Duck
Baldpate
Pintail
Green-w. Teal
Blue-w. Teal
Wood Duck
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup Duck
Amer. Golden-eye
Surf Scoter
Ruddy Duck
American Merganser
Red-br. Merganser
Turkey Vulture
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-should. Hawk
Marsh Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
Ring-n. Pheasant
Coot
Killdeer
Golden Plover
Black-bell. Plover
Ruddy Turnstone
Wilson's Snipe
Greater Yellow-legs
Yellow-legs
Knot
Pectoral Sandpiper
W.-rump Sandpiper
Red-bkd. Sandpiper
Semi-pm. Sandpiper
Sanderling
Gt. Black-b. Gull
Herring Gull
Ring-b. Gull
Franklin's Gull
Little Gull
Forster's Tern
Common Tern
Black Tern
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Hairy Woodpecker
Flicker
Downy Woodpecker
Prairie Horned Lark
Blue Jay
Crow
Black-c. Chickadee
White-br. Nuthatch
Red-br. Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Winter Wren
Robin
Hermit Thrush
Bluebird
Golden-cr. Kinglet
Ruby-cr. Kinglet
Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Starling
Myrtle Warbler
English Sparrow
Meadowlark
Red-wing
Rusty Blackbird
Bronzed Grackle
Cowbird
Cardinal
Goldfinch
Savannah Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Slate-col. Junco
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Wh.-th. Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Bird Records from Rochester and vicinity, as reported by W. L. G. Edson, include the following birds:
Week ending October 7: Double-crested Cormorant, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, both scaups, white-w. Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Rough-legged Hawk (very early), Duck Hawk, Wilson's Phalarope (unprecedented late date), Yellow-b. Cuckoo, Yellow-bellied Flycather (late), Gray-cheeked Thrush, Blue-headed, Red-eyed, Philadelphia and Warbling Vireos, 8 species Warblers, including a late Mourning Warbler migrant, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Fox Sparrow.

Bird Records from Rochester (Con't)

Week ending October 14: Golden Plover, Hudsonian Curlew, Least Sandpiper and a Ruff (seen first by Paul and Miller at Float Bridge on the 9th), Olive-backed Thrush, Philadelphia Vireo (very late), and Tree Sparrow.

Week ending October 21: American Egret, Bittern, Lesser Canada Goose (seen at Oak Orchard Swamp on the 14th by Chapin), Bald Eagle, Osprey, Duck Hawk, Florida Gallinule, 18 shore birds, including Semi-palmated and Golden Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Knot, white-rumped, Baird's and Stilt Sandpipers, Dowitcher and Ruff; Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, House Wren, Pipit and Pine Siskin.

Week ending October 28: Blue Goose(at Shore Acres), Gadwall, Turkey Vulture, Black-bellied Plover, Red-backed Sandpiper, Sanderling, Red-br. Nuthatch, and an unprecedented late date for a Yellow Warbler.

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday, December 14: Plans for Christmas Census, Axel Heilborn, Leader. 8874 Lindberg Ave., Niagara Falls.

Wednesday, January 11: Results of Christmas Census. Axel Heilborn, Leader.

Field Trips

Monday, December 26th: Christmas Census.

Sunday, January 8th: trip south of Buffalo; outer harbor, Tifft St., Lakeshore, Irving, andGowanda .
Leader: Richard Byron, Meet City Hall 8 A. M.

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The Month

Temperature for November averaged almost exactly normal, though wide fluctuations characterized its course. Precipitation was more than twice normal at the Buffalo airport. Almost half was in the form of heavy, wet snow which was confined to a strip about three and one half miles wide extending from near Lake Erie about 10 miles northeastward. Officially it was recorded as 19.2 inches, but it melted quickly into a heavy slush. Total snowfall for the month, 28.6 inches, set a record, but except for the restricted area mentioned above, was not excessive. Thunderstorms occurred on the 2nd, 10th, 11th, and 19th, and winds of 42 m.p.h. and 49 m.p.h. were recorded on the 8th and 13th respectively.

Seldom indeed does a single month boast two records of species previously unknown to our territory. November provided a Black Brant and an Oregon Junco. The brant was observed (by many members) on one day only, but the jumco remained for at least two weeks. Other exceedingly interesting records were those of American Brant, White-rumped Sandpiper(latest ever), Greater Yellow-legs (latest ever) and Purple Martin (latest ever). A nice invasion of Northern Shrikes and the start of what promises to be a record-breaking wave of Snowy Owls were other interesting developments.

C.S.Beardslee

Noteworthy Records

Red-throated Loon	Nov. 27	1	Niagara River	Seeber, Woldman
Pied-billed Grebe	" 25	4	Niagara Falls	Thorpe
	" 26	1	Cassadaga Lake	Andrle, Rew
D.Cr.Cormorant	" 25	L 1	Bird Island	Seeber, Woldman
Whistling Swan	" 19	L 4	Grand Island	Seeber et al
Canada Goose	" 26	L 4	Lake Chautauqua	Andrle, Rew
**American Brant	" 20	1	Bird Island Pier	Almendinger
	(seen by many observers until Nov.26)			
**Black Brant	" 13	1	Burntship Creek	Seeber, Nathan, Byron, Clement, et al
L.Snow Goose	" 3	150	Chautauqua Golf Course	Jamestown news report rep. Sundell
Wood Duck	" 19	4	Fluvanna	Lenna
Redhead	" 19	300	Fluvanna	Lenna
Ring-necked Duck	" 19	180	Fluvanna	Lenna
Buffle-head	" 25	200	Niagara River	Thorpe
	26	150	Lake Chautauqua	Andrle ,Rew

King Eider	Sept. 5	2	Niagara Gorge	Andrle,Nathan,Vaughan, et al
Surf Scoter	Nov. 6	2	Chippawa,Ont	B.O.S. Trip
	" 19	1	Squaw Island	Mitchell
American Scoter	" 6	1	Ft.Erie,Ont.	B.O.S. Trip
	" 19	4	Peace Bridge	Andrle,Rew
Ruddy Duck	" 26	130	Lake Chautauqua	" "
Hooded Merganser	" 26	110	" "	" "
Goshawk	" 27	1;1	Pt. Abino;Alden	Seeber, Woldman;Wolfling
Coot	" 19	1500	Fluvanna	Lenna
Killdeer	" 27 L	2	Pt. Abino,Ont	Seeber,Woldman
Golden Plover	" 12 L	2	Beaver Island	Gamble
Black-b. Plover	"11;12;13 L	-3,3,2	" "	Nathan,Thorpe,Gamble,et a
Woodcock	" 6 L	1	Burntship Creek	B.O.S. Trip
Wilson's Snipe	" 27L	2	Point Abino,Ont.	Seeber,Woldman
Solitary Sandpiper	Oct.15	1	Bear Lake	Rew
Gr. Yellow-legs	Nov. 25	1	Bird Island	Thorpe
	" 27 L	1	Point Abino,Ont	Seeber,Woldman
W-rumped Sandpiper	" 12,13 L	2,1	Beaver Island	" , Nathan,Gamble,et a
Red-bkd.Sandpiper	" 11,12,13 L	60,55,52	Grand Island	Thorpe,class,Gamble
	" 13 L	2	Braddock's Bay	Gamble
Glaucous Gull	" 25 F,26	1	LaSalle Quarry	Rosche,Woldman
	" 25 F	1	Tift St.	Andrle
Bonaparte's Gull	" 8	700	Bird Island	[illegible]
	" 20;26	1500	" "	Mitchell; Rosche
	" 26	700	Dunkirk harbor	Andrle,Rew
Little Gull	" 4	1	North Bflo.Harbor	Andrle
Forster's Tern	" 1,4	2,4	Bird Island Bay	"
	" 8 L	2	" "	",Byron
Barn Owl	" 22	1	Grand Island	Seeber
**Snowy Owl	" 15	1	On Kenmore Jr.H.S. Bldg	Wickman et al,rep Rosche
	" 19	1	Bflo. Harbor	Andrle,Rew
	" 19	1	Grand Island	Stemens,Seeber
	" 20,21,22,25	1-2	Bflo Harbor	Mitchell;Andrle
	" 30	1	Allentown	rep. McMurtry
[illegible]	" 20	1	Bird Island	Mitchell
Short-eared Owl	" 27	8	Grand Island	Seeber,Woldman
Saw-whet Owl	" 21	1	Wellsville (allowed itself to be handled . was found dead a few days later)	McMurtry
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	" 24	1	Clarence	Brockner
	" 25 L	1	Canadian shore of Nia. Riv.	Thorpe
Purple Martin	Oct.21 L	12	Buffalo	Eames
Carolina Wren	" 1	2	Jamestown	Lenna
Catbird	Nov. 6 L	1	Jamestown	Beal
Brown Thrasher	" 1 L	1	Tifft St.	Andrle
Ruby-cr.Kinglet	" 20 L	1	Gr. Isle (thorn thicket)	Seeber,Woldman
Northern Shrike	Throughout the month,12 individuals ,well distributed, were reported.			
Myrtle Warbler	Nov.26 L	1	Bird Island	Rosche
Rusty Blackbird	" 22 L	1	Olean	Eaton
Bronzed Grackle	" 23,24 L	1	Frewsburg	Sundells
Evening Grosbeak	" 12 F	2	Olean	Eaton
Pine Siskin	" 12 "First appearance of large flocks;common since then"			
Vesper Sparrow	" 24 L	1	East Amherst	Andrle,Thill
**Oregon Junco	" 26	1	Fluvanna	Lenna,Powers
	Seen again on 27th by Lenna,Olson ,Simms			
White-thr Sparrow	" 20 L	1	Olean	Eaton
Fox Sparrow	" 27 L	1	Fluvanna	Elderkins,Lenna,Sundell.
Snow Bunting	" 13	1	Beaver Island	Seeber,Nathan et el
	" 24	16	Chestnut Ridge	Knox

Addenda to Fall Duck Census,Oct.16,1949: 1 Wood Thrush

New for the month -- American Brant, Black Brant,Snowy Owl, and Oregon Junco.

269 previous total
4 new for month
273 total for the year.

Observations on American and Black Brant along Niagara River

On the morning of November 13th,1949,we took a little birding trip to Grand Island and Niagara Falls. There were four of us, Richard Byron, our driver, Hy.Clement of Rochester,Bernie Nathan and I. At Burntship Creek, we stopped at the bridge to look over the marsh. The other three began looking over the eastern side,so I decided to look to the west. A small flock of Baldpates was feeding along the shoreline so I began to look them over with my binoculars.About the first bird I managed to get my glasses on was the queer,dark gooselike form that became the object of our subsequent excitement. It took about a full minute to convince myself that I really was seeing what my eyes seemed to convey.After that I looked it over as carefully as I could with my 6X binoculars and was reasonably convinced that it was a Black Brant (Branta Bernicla Nigricans). At this stage I called something like "Hey Bernie,let me have the telescope,I think I have a Black Brant over here". Despite the ensuing stampede I was able to secure the scope and make a more careful survey. The bird was definately the shape of a goose, but much smaller than a Canada, with a shorter neck and a chunkier body. The plumage was very dark from the waterline and below up to and including the neck and head except for the few white feathers at the upper throat which are characteristic of Brant. These showed up very well on this bird. The black of the front broke off in a distinct line on each side at about the place where the forward edge of the folded wing comes in. Behind this the plumage was dark all right but more varied and mottled with a few feathers much lighter in color than the general average. This became lighter near the base of the tail. The tail itself was black. This distinct line towards the front made me wonder whether or not this was really a Black rather than just a dark or soiled individual of the American Brant. Reference to Peterson didn't seem to settle anything for me except to remove any lingering doubt I might still have had that it absolutely was a Brant of some kind. By this time ,the others had had an opportunity to thoroughly study the bird and were all voicing definate opinions that this bird was undoubtedly a Black Brant. Nathan,who has seen hundreds of American Brant was convinced it was too dark on the flanks,too dark all over in fact to be that form. I was finally convinced when the bird climbed out on the bank and showed very darkish underparts without any such distinct line of demarkation.

It was about 10A.M. when I first saw the bird. About 11A.M. we had left the bird undisturbed and driven to Niagara Falls from where I called Harold Mitchell. By about twelve ,most of the bird observers in Buffalo had seen it. Such is the power of Mitchell's telephone.

Ed. Seeber.

The American Brant I observed on the breakwall Sunday afternoon Nov.20th. 1949 and checked by Andrle the following ,morning appears to be the first record for this species within the city limits;at least for 60 years.

W.H.Bergtold's Birds of Buffalo and vicinity,1889,lists one brought to a local taxidermist in that year,but does not state where the bird was collected.

The specimen observed Sunday was very tame,permitting approach to about 30 feet 3 or 4 times,threatening with outstreached neck as do barnyard geese.

W.A.Almendinger

Many members saw this bird until Nov.27th. During the interval of observation,the bird remained in the same area,some shoal rocks just outside the breakwall,in the Niagara River,above the Peace Bridge. It may be of interest to note that the bird lost its tameness and later did not allow the close approach as described by Almendinger.

Ed.

Bird records from Rochester and vicinity for November , as reported by W.L.G.Edson

Week ending Nov.4

Blue Goose, Lesser Snow Goose,Long-billed Dowitcher,Ruff,Tree Swallow and Lapland Longspur.

Week ending Nov. LLth.

Holbell's Grebe; Lesser Canada Goose;Black Brant (first record for Rochester area); a late Broad-winged Hawk;Golden Plover;Semi-palmated Plover;Knot; White-rumped,Baird's,Least and Semi-palmated Sandpipers; Ruff;Red Phalarope and Pipit.

Week ending Nov.18th.

D.CR. Cormorant,An. Bittern,Wood Duck,Black-bellied Plover,Wilson's Snipe, both Yellowlegs,Red-b.Sandpiper, Long-b. Dowitcher,Sanderling, Northern Shrike, Evening Grosbeak,and Pine Siskin.

Week ending Nov. 25th.

Western Grebe(Nov.19 at Braddock's Bay & Nov.20 in Mendon Ponds Park);Blue Goose; European Widgeon;Amer. and White-wg Scoter;Killdeer;Pectoral Sandpiper; Dowitcher; Cedar Waxwing;Myrtle Warbler, Purple Finch and Pine Grosbeak.

Future Events

Meetings

Wednesday Jan.25-- 8P.M. Humboldt Room --Buffalo Museum of Science
Joint meeting with Audubon Society. Program----Report of Audubon Nature Camp at Hog Island--1949 Frances Rew

Wednesday Feb. 8---'.P.M.Humboldt Room -- Buffalo Museum of Science.
Program-- Canadian Birding - Long Point to Fort Churchill. A talk illustrated with slides by Wm. Campbell of McMaster Univ.,Hamilton ,Ont.

Wednesday Feb.22--'.P.M. Humboldt Room Buffalo Museum of Science.
Program Debate-- Life Zones & Niches of our Territory -relative to Bird Life. By Beardslee,Chairman,Axtell,Nathan,Seeber,Vaughan.

Field Trips

January 20 or 21-- Grand Island--To call Owls--H. Axtell.(depends on weather) Call Un. 1284 between 5 and 6 P.M.
If the trip occurs ,meet at Delaware Ave and Hertel Ave. at 7P.M.

Sunday Jan 22- To Canadian side of Niagara River,Gorge,Goat Island and Wilson. Leader --R. Andrle (Phone Pa 1411) Meet at City Hall at 8 A.M.

Sunday-January 29.-- Bird Island Pier and the Canadian shore to Pt. Abino,Ont. Leader --Ed. Seeber (Ri.8739) Meet at West Ferry and Niagara Sts. at8 A.M.

Sunday --Feb.5-- To E. Aurora,Emery Park,and Chestnut Ridge Park-Clayton Knox

Call Don Gamble (Un. 1284) for particulars. Meet at Seneca St. City line at Burch Ave. at 8 A.M.

Saturday.--Feb. 11-- To Buffalo Waterfront-- Leader A. Schaffner-(El 9666) Meet at W. Ferry and Niagara Sts. 1:45 P.M.

Sunday- Feb. 12. -- To Grand Island --Wm. Vaughan ,leader.(Pa 0384) Meet at Delaware and Hertel Aves. at8 A.M.

Sunday-Feb.19-- To Buffalo Harbor,Tifft St.,Hamburg and vicinity- Leaders Mr. & Mrs R. Gardiner Griffin.(Em.1680)
Meet at(1) Shelton Sq. at Erie Co. Bank Bldg at 8 AM.
(2) Michigan Ave. & Furhman Blvd at 8:30 A.M..

Sunday -Feb. 26-- To Tifft St. & Lake shore to Irving- Leader -Wm. Almindinger Meet at City Hall at 8 A.M.

Obituary

Fred Hazelton was born eighty-one years ago on the farm at Leroy on which he spent all his life.

As a boy he kept alert to the acitvities of the wild life on the farm and he was w nt to recall how he would make short incursions into the woods in quest of some experience while he rested his horses at the end of the furrow.

In his youth and early manhood,he was constantly afield,hiking twenty to thirty miles a day to points of interest,ever adding to his knowledge of wildlife. He knew the mosses,the ferns,the grasses,the higher plants,the insects,the birds and the mammals,but his especial love was for the birds,and they in turn responded.

In his interest about the out-of-doors, Fred maintained around his place ecological conditions which brought the birds to his house and dooryard, the most unusual of these being the Red-bellied Woodpecker,a species not commonly found in Western New York. It was on a trip to Leroy to see this bird that we first met him,then an active man in the middle sixties.

At that time ,he had sight only in one eye,and did his observing through a monocular. This,however,was no deterrent,for in his zeal and zest,he led parties through miles of woods and fields, to share with them his finds of past experiences. I recall with distinct pleasure a trip to Bergen Swamp in Azalia time, a journey up a glen in the wyoming hills during a June rainstorm,in search of a Louisiana Water-thrush,and trips to the woods north of Leroy and along the Oatka Creek.

In the last ten years of his life the impairment of his vision spread and left him totally blind. During this period ,he also lost through death the devoted sister with whom he lived. He was now blind and without near kin.

He was the last of his immediate family,alone in that respect, but he had a host of friends who will always remember him for his wealth of spirit. He never complained during his adversities ,but rather by his life he exemplified that serene courage which enables man to meet and surmount all adversities.

His final resting place is an old cemetery on the Onondaga escarpment in Leroy,among his friends and close to the places he knew and loved so well.

E.C. & A.E. Ulrich.

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